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"Mother Does Not Care" Writes Army Boy

The following unusual letter was a personal message from a service man to Pastor David P. Denton, written after hearing a gospel message on THE TRUTH FOR TODAY program over Station WOPI, Bristol, Tennessee:

Dear Preacher:

I was at home a few days ago on a furlough and happened to hear you preach on the radio, and I feel that I should write you about what is on my heart, for I think that I will be going to the battlefields within a few days and I want to have everything right between me and God before I go.

Might Be Last Furlough

Now, here is the story. When I went home, I went with a feeling of joy, and yet there was a burden on my heart. I knew that perhaps it would be my last furlough home and that maybe I would never see my folks again, for I know that not all of us are coming back and as yet I am not ready to die.

So, as I went home, I went hoping that Mother and Dad would help me to get right with the Lord. I knew that they had never been religious, but they belonged to the church and claimed to be Christians. They never had family prayers and didn't seem to care much about the real spiritual work of the church, but I had the idea that would all be changed now. Somehow, preacher, I felt that surely this war with all that it is bringing would make Mother and Dad really live for the Lord.

I went home thinking that surely my mother was interested in the spiritual condition of her son. I have always thought that my mother was the finest woman in the world and have been very proud of her. So I told myself that Mother was praying for me and that she was interested in seeing her boy saved, whether anyone else was or not.

Fussing About Rationing

But things at home were not what I had expected to find them. I think I came back to camp the most dis-

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INFORMATION WANTED

Next week I plan to publish a list of churches ordering Russian Kits. Please write me at one how many Russian Kits your church has ordered.

If your church has not yet ordered any Kits, do so today and write me how many. Order Kits from Russian Relief Committee, Atlanta, Georgia. But drop me a card telling the number ordered.

MRS. J. A. ANDERSON,
Chairman Russian Kits Campaign,
Belzoni, Mississippi

SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE ABOUT THE SALVATION

BY REV. G. C. HODGE
Biloxi, Mississippi

(Below we publish another of a series of articles on great Bible doctrines, precious to Baptists. They are written by Mississippians, who know and love Mississippi Baptist work. Next week the subject will be "Regeneration."—Editor.)



G. C. HODGE

I. Salvation Was First Thought of and Spoken of by Our Lord.

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation? which having at the first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard." Heb. 2:2-3.

II. All Men Need Salvation:

- (1) Because all have sinned. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23.
- (2) Because all are condemned.

"He that believeth not is condemned already." Jno. 3:18.

(3) Because all are lost. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way." Isa. 53:6.

(4) Because the wrath of God abides upon all men who have not obtained salvation. "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." Jno. 3:36.

(5) Because all must come to judgment. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27.

(6) Because if not saved all will be cast into the lake of fire and suffer eternal death. "Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:15.

III. No Man Can Save Himself.

(1) Salvation cannot be obtained by keeping the law. "By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." Gal. 2:16.

(2) Salvation cannot be obtained by performing good works. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man shall boast." Eph. 6:8, 9.

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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND AMERICAN BAPTISTS

A Vigorous Reaffirmation of the Baptist Position On Freedom of Religion, Which Is Basic To All Other Freedoms.

We are passing through a period of world-wide social convulsion, which will bring forth for all mankind a more hopeless enslavement or a more fruitifying freedom.

As the earliest champions of full religious liberty for every man throughout the world, the Baptists of America have a special obligation today to make international the Freedom of Religion, which their fathers succeeded in making national.

Therefore, the Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, appointed by the Northern, the Southern, and the National Baptist Conventions, representing approximately 11,000,000 Baptists, having been empowered by these bodies to speak on matters that involve Public Relations, do make the following pronouncements:

The Baptist Declaration On Religious Liberty

We re-affirm the American Baptist Bill of Rights, passed unanimously by the above Conventions, meeting in annual sessions, 1939.

We believe that religious liberty is a God-given, ineradicable right, to be recognized and conserved by all human agencies that exercise authority;

We believe that every form of compulsion in religion, whether it be by a religious body or a civil state, is a wrong justly to be condemned;

We believe that religious liberty is the ultimate ground of democratic institutions, and that wherever this liberty is questioned, restricted or denied by any group, political, religious or philosophical, all other human rights are imperilled. Therefore we make

The Baptist Call For World-Wide Religious Liberty

Worthy religion rests on the conviction of the competency of the human

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Impressions Of Mississippi Baptists

Evangelist Hyman Appelmann

This is my sixth visit to gracious Mississippi. I like it better each time. There is a gentleness, a warmth, a hospitality, an appreciativeness about it that grips my heart. The Mississippi Baptists are a great, God blessed, God honoring people, true, loyal, fundamental, zealous, prayerful, co-operating.

Mississippi Baptists have a state secretary in D. A. McCall who is a Kingdom statesman, wide and wise of vision, spiritual of concept, purposeful in consecrated effort to lead the gigantic forces and tasks of the state on to greater and more telling victories for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mississippi Baptists have a host of pastors who are the salt of the earth, separated, spirit filled, ably trained, hard working, passionately in love with the Master, compassionately concerned for the souls of men.

Mississippi Baptists have churches which are among the topmost in all the land, churches that are being used of God to mould for Christ the people, the characters, the affairs, the activities of this great commonwealth.

Mississippi Baptists as individuals and as a group are largely of holy ambition, daring in heroic undertaking, willing to make abundant sacrifices of time, of thought, of toil, of tithe, of tears to win the souls of men. They are surely destined of the Lord to make a continuous monumental contribution to the religious life of the state, of the nation, of the world.

God bless the Mississippi Baptists. God grant that these days of titanic conflicts, these twelve weeks of holy endeavor may start a Pentecostal Conflagration.

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TELEGRAM

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A. L. GOODRICH,
"THE BAPTIST RECORD"
BAPTIST BLDG. JACKSON, MISS.

AT NOON SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, WE HAD RECEIVED 134,956 ORDERS FOR KITS FOR RUSSIA, VALUED BY NATIONAL OFFICE AT \$404,868. (STOP) WHILE CAMPAIGN OFFICIALLY CLOSES WITH END OF JANUARY, WE CONFIDENTLY EXPECT TO RECEIVE ORDERS FOR ANOTHER 100,000 KITS (STOP) WE HOPE TO REPORT QUARTER OF A MILLION KITS SENT TO SUFFERING FAMILIES IN RUSSIA BY MEETING OF CONVENTION IN MAY (STOP) THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE COOPERATED, AND EARNEST APPEAL TO OTHERS WHO WILL JOIN US IN THIS GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OUR RUSSIAN NEIGHBORS IN THE NAME OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOUR. (STOP).

LOUIS D. NEWTON, CHAIRMAN

Sparks & Splinters

Class 26-43 recently graduated at the Naval Chaplains Training school, Williamsburg, Virginia. There were 9 Catholics; 4 Lutherans; 3 Methodists; 2 Presbyterians, and no Baptists.

A prize essay by a Georgia school girl had this telling statement: "Take one regular natural born fool, add two or three drinks of liquor (any kind, bootleg or otherwise) and mix the two in a high powered automobile. After the fool is thoroughly soaked, place his foot on the gas and release the brakes. Remove the fool from the wreckage. Place in a black, satin lined box and garnish with flowers."—United Presbyterian.

Dr. H. P. Clause, long time pastor at Bedford City, Virginia, has accepted the call of Huntington church at Baltimore. Many Mississippians will remember Dr. Clause as the husband of Miss Mayme Slaughter, Jackson.

Anding Baptist church, under the leadership of Pastor D. I. Young, is building extra Sunday School rooms to take care of the enlarged Sunday School work. They are also building a baptistry and will purchase a new piano.

The many Mississippi friends of Dr. R. Houston Smith, former pastor of Collins and now pastor of the First Baptist church of Bossier City, will rejoice to learn that the Bossier City church was recently dedicated free of debt.

Miss Evelyn Moore has resigned as Educational Director at South Side church, Meridian, in order to serve as Promotional Secretary of the First Baptist church, Laurens, S. C. Dr. J. H. Kyzar, former pastor at Drew, is the pastor.

The Lottie Moon offering of the First Baptist church of Laurens, S. C. of which our Mississippian, J. H. Kyzar, is pastor, has already reached \$368.21 with more expected.

We are thankful for a nice club of subscriptions sent in by Mrs. J. D. Franks, Columbus.

Sending in her renewal, Mrs. U. B. Rainey says, "I don't want to miss a single copy for The Record gives me news of our Baptists all over the world. That is what I enjoy. When I read of all the Baptists are doing I feel like God is leading this old world to victory."

Please accept my thanks and the thanks of the men who are from Mississippi for the five copies of The Baptist Record that came to me for the men. Even though delivery is sometimes delayed we are always happy to get them and enjoy reading them very much. I appreciate what you have done for us and earnestly solicit your continued cooperation.—Norman L. Roberts, Chaplain.

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In sending in his renewal for The Baptist Record, J. H. Sherman, pastor at Courtland says, "The Baptist Record is the greatest helper any pastor ever had. The more our people understand about our program the more willing they will be to support it. The Baptist Record is doing a great work in keeping the people informed."

J. Earl Bryant, pastor of the Immanuel church, Hattiesburg, recently preached at the First church, Groves, Texas, and Port Neches, Texas. He was formerly pastor at each place. He recently taught the book of Ephesians at Nederland, Texas.

Rev. J. A. Sullivan of Ocean Springs is another good friend of The Baptist Record. As proof of the fact he recently sent a club of 13 subscriptions.

The Baptist Record is grateful for a club of 15 subscriptions from Hopewell church in Scott county. Brother W. H. Gardner sent in the list.

Mrs. Alvin Smith of Big Springs church, Brookhaven sends a renewal list of 12 names. It is friends like that helps The Baptist Record circulation.

We are thankful to Mrs. William H. Walters of Bethlehem church, Jones county who recently sent a club of 20 subscriptions.

Baptist Brotherhood Handbook by Dr. W. R. Isom, D.D.S., Gidens-Lane Building, Shreveport, La., and selling for 35 cents is intended as a guide for organizing and operating a Brotherhood. Dr. E. F. Haight, of the Baptist Bible Institute faculty says of this book, "It presents the triple appeal of the unique, the direct and the practical. It represents the first Handbook of men's work to appear among Baptists." Pastors need this book and would do well to get it in the hands of their men.

Beginner Sunday School Work by Hazel N. Strickland and Mattie C. Leatherwood is just what its name implies. Both authors are experts in Beginner work. Every Baptist beginner's worker and teacher should have this book. It is published by the Broadman Press and sells for 60 cents, cloth and 40 cents paper. It may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

It is reported that Dr. R. Paul Caudill has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Memphis, Tennessee. He has been pastor of the First Baptist church of Augusta, Ga.

A Lawrence Examines The Bible, by Irwin H. Linton. W. A. Wilde Company, Boston, Mass., Copyright, 1943, by the publishers 300 pp. \$2.00. Trained in the law, Mr. Linton has put forth the arguments for Biblical infallibility with legal precision." Thus states the jacket of this book. A reading of it attests the truth of the statement. In the thorough spirit and care of the trained lawyer, member of the Washington Bar and of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, the author explores the evidences in support of the inspiration, accuracy, infallibility and authority of the Bible and makes out a strong and conclusive, and convincing case, as only a man of his ability could do it.

Rev. C. E. Welch of Memphis, led the Mid-City Baptist Church of New Orleans in a recent revival. Visible results were 29 additions to the church, 21 being for baptism. During the revival we witnessed the beginning of a moral reformation among our members. We have never heard anything that surpassed the messages that Brother Welch brought from night to night. Brother Welch has pastored churches in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi and is now the beloved pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.—J. Paul Driscoll, pastor Mid-City church.

The Voice: Gen. Bernard Law Montgomery, commander of the British Eighth Army, has had more tactical success than any other general opposing German armies in the western theatre of war. He never moves until he has ample material and his plans are made, and when he moves he is successful. An article in the Scottish Temperance Reformer of May 31, 1943, by Rev. A. Jeans Courtney says: "General Montgomery is a teetotaler. He never absented himself from church services, I am informed by the Rev. A. T. A. Naylor, senior chaplain to the forces, and he always reads the lesson." The Rev. Mr. Naylor quotes the general as saying, "I read my Bible every day."

The War Production Board has cut the paper allowance for the printing of Bibles in the United States 25 per cent. It is thus being subjected to the same curtailment as all other books. If Bibles are to be made available for the increased demand from both the civilian and armed population, this order must be changed. America needs the Bible more than ever today. Protests should be made to Mr. Harry West, War Production Board, Washington, D. C.

Chester L. Quarles, pastor of the Leland Baptist Church represented the Sunday School Board on a tour of a number of associations in Texas recently. These were the last of the promotional meetings of the four year program sponsored jointly by the Sunday School and Training Union departments at Nashville. Before coming to his Mississippi pastorate Mr. Quarles was director of associational training union work for the Sunday School Board. He reports splendid results and progressive spirit in the Texas work despite wartime conditions.

Offerings for the month of December at Temple Baptist church, Ruston, La., were \$4,894.65. Chas. McKay, formerly at Van Winkle and Flora is pastor.

"The Chemistry of the Blood," by M. R. DeHaan, M.D., is written to every Bible student, teacher, believer, and preacher that they might more clearly understand the scientific aspects of the Gospel of God's grace. He does not use large scientific words that cannot be understood. Dr. DeHaan is a fundamental, clear thinker. You will gain much by reading his book. It is published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., and sells for \$1.50.

"Out of the Dust," by J. O. Kinnamon, Ph.D., D.D., presents the findings of today's archaeological discoveries and their relationship to the Bible. Dr. Kinnamon has spent forty odd years of tireless effort in the Holy Land digging for facts that will help each Christian person to cement his or her faith in Christ. The price is \$2.00 and is published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Joe Canzoneri, pastor of the First church, Lebanon Junction, Ky., and former Mississippi pastor, writes that his work is progressing nicely. Financially, last year was a good year. By the grace of our Father the church was able to pay off the remaining one thousand dollar building debt, gave \$400.00 Thanksgiving offering to the Children's Home and has a surplus of over \$1,500. (He also sent his renewal.—Editor.)

Decisions to promote "A Revival of Bible Preaching and Soul Winning in Every Baptist Church and Mission Point in Oklahoma," and to cooperate with the Home Mission Board in the launching of a more intensive rural church program in Oklahoma were the highlights of the regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Oklahoma Baptist General Convention in Oklahoma City on Dec. 7.

It is interesting to note that Adolf Berle, Jr., of the Department of State, Washington, D. C., is taking instruction in Roman Catholicism from Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen, a former Fascist sympathizer and one of the most ardent and reactionary friends of Pope Pius. "This does not mean that he will have to profess Catholicism," states The Converted Catholic Magazine in reporting the fact, "at least openly. Such an avowal, at the present time especially, would be detrimental to the international political interest of Catholicism. It would impair his usefulness." And we pay taxes to help meet the expenses of Secretary Hull's department, so Berle can go to school a priest.—Western Recorder.

E. I. Farr has been appointed to the chaplaincy in the army and will leave for chaplain school on February 8. He has resigned his work at Agricola and Wilmer, Alabama. His family will live at McCall Creek. The army gains and The Baptist Record loses, for Brother Farr is one of the best friends The Baptist Record has.

"Successful Sunday School Attendance Plans" is a manual of tested Sunday school plans by Imogene McCraig and published by the David C. Cook Publishing Company, Elgin, Illinois. Sunday school teachers, officers, and pastors will welcome this practical, tested tool to help them build Sunday school attendance. It comes from long experience. The price is 50c and it may be ordered from the publishers.

The many friends of Dr. A. B. Wood, former pastor at Forest and now pastor at the Ninth Avenue church, Charlotte, North Carolina, will be delighted to read the following which recently appeared in the Biblical Recorder concerning his work: "We had three additions last Sunday, December 26. All were for baptism. I baptized three the second Sunday in December. We have had additions almost every Sunday since the first of September. In the four months there have been 29."

Miss Dorothy Dillon, Bible teacher at the Starkville high school visited the Adaton church recently and brought a message that deeply impressed all who heard it. Young people especially enjoyed the visit.—R. L. Ray, Jr., pastor.

Cynthia Jo Hall, who was president of the Blue Mountain College student body in 1941-1942, has just been appointed Young People's leader in the Training Union Department of the Alabama Convention.

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Order Russian Kits today from Atlanta. Notify Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni, how many.

—BR—

They had been keeping company for several years. One night as they sat on the front porch, hand-in-hand, he at last summoned up nerve enough to say, "Lucy, let's get married. To which she replied: "Why John, who would have us?"

Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publicly, and from house to house." Acts. 20:20

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:—
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"
I Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

I

The following words from Pastor Wyatt Hunter show that plans for the Appelman meeting at McComb are progressing satisfactorily:

"Dear Scotchie:

"The plan is working out more definitely every day. The day of beginning here is the morning service on Sunday, February 6. The closing service will be Friday night, February 18th. Services daily at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Mass meeting on Sunday afternoon, February 6, at 3 o'clock and on Sunday, February 13, at 3 p. m.

"We are arranging to have four of the services broadcast over our local station WSKB for the benefit of our shut-ins who cannot come to church.

"We are also making some afternoon week-day engagements in surrounding towns for Mr. Appelman.

"Last night at prayer meeting I baptized four grown people and one girl. This was one complete family of three and a husband and wife of another family. A third husband and wife had planned to come but illness prevented. We are expecting great things and are girding ourselves to attempt great things.

II

In coming to the close of a five year period in this work, we look back upon five of the happiest, busiest, and most fruitful years of our life. How thankful we are for the blessings of God!—Psalm 103:1-2. How we appreciate the sympathetic helpfulness of our fellows in Christ!!—II Cor. 6:1.

After five years we **KNOW** we have the greatest group of pastors with whom to work to be found anywhere. The Convention and officers have been considerate. The Convention Board and Executive Committee have been "great" to us! Staff members have been cooperative! In fact, we are not in a fault-finding mood.—Romans 2. Our heart sings a doxology, we are determined to "go on" as we say, "Blessings upon you."—Hebrews 13:20-21. Romans 16:24-27.

III

"I MUST WORK."—John 9:4. These are the words of Jesus. He walked while today we must ride. He worked while today many rest. He gave Himself while today we save ourselves.

"I MUST WORK!" Many people fail to understand the stress incident to the work of the minister of the Lord Jesus and His church. A thirty minute sermon draws upon the energy of the body, mind, and soul of the preacher. Systematic visitation is one of the most tiring things we have ever WORKED at. Planning, studying, thinking, are enervating activities of the minister, so far as spent energy is concerned.

A deacon visited with us one day as we made twenty-one visits. He was a good man or he would not have been interested in the first place. He was "blowing and puffing" for breath as we closed the day in that healthy, spiritual exercise. We have made as many as fifty-two "pop" pastoral calls within one day in getting acquainted with the people and in passing out invitations. That is WORK! It has paid big spiritual dividends. The minister of the Lord Jesus who gives himself to the task does not have to apologize for the work done! "I MUST WORK!"

IV

It is easy for an individual, a group, a church, a board, a committee, or a denomination to be selfish. Selfishness is at the root of most, if not all sin. Selfishness IS sin.

It is easy to give ourselves only to the thing that "pays off" in our direction. That is to be selfish! We should be quite largely concerned with the Lord and with others.

In Christian groups it has been at times evident that interest was not felt in a group because that group gave little promise of returns.

The Convention showed an unselfish spirit, as did the Convention Board, in planning to render at least some measure of service at Whitfield. Most of those mentally sick will never be able to render service, or bring offerings to the work of Christ. Christ remembered the weak and helpless. So will those who would be Christ-like.

V

Bruce Baptist Church erected a lovely three-story house of worship with educational plant taking up the first floor, the third floor, and part of the second floor. They completed it and paid for it within the space of two years. Superb leadership, excellent fellowship, with the blessings of God! Congratulations to Pastor L. F. Haire and his people!

The program follows:

DEDICATION OF THE BRUCE BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 1944
10:30 A. M.

Doxology.

Invocation—Rev. Jesse S. Dorroh.

Hymn—Come Thou Almighty King.

Short History of Bruce Baptist

Church—W. M. Shelton.

Burning of Note—Jack Yancy.

Special Song by Choir.

Greetings—Mrs. O. B. Crocker.

Scripture Reading.

Offertory.

Special Song.

Sermon—Dr. D. A. McCall.

Dedication Ceremony by Pastor and

Congregation.

Dedicatory Prayer—Rev. A. L. Goodrich.

Song—Onward Christian Soldiers.

DEDICATION

Pastor: To the glory of God, our Father, by whose favor we have built this house;

To the honor of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord and Saviour;

To the praise of the Holy Ghost, source of light and life;

For worship in prayer and song;

For ministry of the Word;

For observance of the beautiful ordinances;

Congregation: We dedicate this house.

Pastor: For comfort of those who mourn; for strength to those who are tempted; for help in right living;

Congregation: We dedicate this house.

Pastor: For the sanctification of the family; for the guidance of childhood; for the salvation of men;

Congregation: We dedicate this house.

Pastor: For the fostering of patriotism; for the training of conscience; for aggression against evil;

Congregation: We dedicate this house.

Pastor: For the help of the needy; for the promotion of brotherhood; for bringing in of the Kingdom of God;

Congregation: We dedicate this house.

Pastor: As a tribute of gratitude and love, a free will offering of thanksgiving and praise, from those who have tasted salvation, and experienced the riches of Thy grace;

Congregation: We, the people of this church and congregation, now consecrating ourselves anew, dedicate this entire building in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

VI

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another."—Romans 12:10.

It is natural for one to express his love. Love expresses itself. I Cor. 13. John 13-14, chapters. I John 1-5, chapters.

Paul loves humanity, so he even finds a brief good word of acknowledgement for a Roman governor (Acts 24:10) and a Roman king (Acts 26:2-3).

Luke pays beautiful tribute to Apollos (Acts 18:24). The Holy Spirit leads him in doing it.

Effective compliments (not flattery) are given the Bereans (Acts 17:10-12).

One of the joys of this work is in seeing faithfulness to the work of Christ practiced in so many places and passing along a word of worthy praise!

Doxology!

VII

We have made progress each year in expanding participation in the Ministers' Retirement Plan, both by pastors and churches. We have not been satisfied with the extent of this growth. Some of our churches have shown little interest and some none. Some of our pastors have not seen the real worth of the plan. Some pastors who are in it have missed many opportunities for promoting the plan and for helping a brother pastor.

We came to our State Committee with the suggestion that the burden be shared with others via the Convention. They adopted resolutions that were passed by the Convention.

We expect to work at the instructions and suggestions given. We feel that real progress was made. Our bookkeeper in that department is working up the church lists asked for. The Board member in each association may help greatly. Pastors in the plan may help others to see the values involved and get their churches behind this working plan.

How may others help? First, talk with some church official (other than the pastor) and get the church to designate an amount equal to 3% of the pastor's salary. Send it in to this office marked "M. R." or "Ministers' Retirement Contribution." A page will be set up in that department for that church. Get every church in your association thus lined up. Second, talk with the pastor. After all is said and done, the pastor is vital to the success of the plan. Discuss it with him. The cost is small. The benefits are great. Third, write us for literature on the plan. Distribute it. Mail it out. Send us names and we will be glad to mail the material. Pray about it. Pray with others about it.

VIII

God's way vs. our way. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord."—Isaiah 55:8-9.

"We have turned every one to his own way."—Isaiah 53:6.

Jesus said, "I am the way."—John 14:6.

In I Cor. 13, we find in v. 1 that men put the emphasis upon "tongues." They did then. We do now. A man who speaks his own language correctly and fluently is admired. A man who masters several tongues is a genius to be looked up to, indeed. In the same verse, God puts first emphasis upon love.

In v. 2 we find prophecy, mystery, knowledge, and faith grouped. These things make profound impressions upon men. In their places they are desirable. In the same verse God puts paramount emphasis upon LOVE!

In v. 3 we may be reminded that the generous man, regardless of motive, is usually admired by men. A martyr for any cause may be the object of hero worship. In the same verse LOVE stands at the HEAD of the list of stated virtues!

How does it work out on the practical side?
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We appreciate all the articles
that the many friends of The
Baptist Record send. However, a
few things need to be explained.

We cannot publish all articles
received. We receive at least
twice as much as we can publish.

Don't feel hurt if we condense
your article. That enables us to
give some space to many people
instead of a lot of space to a few
people. We ration space as the
government rations food.

Patience is a two-way word.
Exercise it on your part when
your article doesn't appear as
soon as you think it should. There
are several factors involved, and
most of them are unknown to the
average reader. Give us credit
for good intentions.

And some articles don't appear
at all. We must be the judge as
to what goes in and what stays
out.

Feel free to send anything you
want to, but allow us as editor to
handle it as we think best. That
is what we are doing.

WHY THE PREFERENCE?

According to Dr. William Barrow
Pugh, chairman of the General
Commission on Army and Navy
Chaplains, Catholic Chaplains
seem to get preferred treatment.
At least that is the impression
he made at a recent meeting
of 200 Chaplains attending the
Harvard Chaplain Training School.

According to Religious News
Service—"He implied that Army
officers in certain theatres were
more aware of the functions of
Catholic priests than they were
of Protestant ministers. This, in
effect, he pointed out, meant that
Catholic services were not curtailed,
while Protestant Chaplains,
who have been instructed to limit
their sermons to 15 minutes, were
often told to cut them to eight
minutes."

"RESPECT SUNDAY," SAYS GOVERNOR BAILEY

Occasionally we criticize some
of our leaders for acts that we feel
are hurtful. On the other hand we
praise those to whom praise is
due. Many we offer our humble
tribute of praise to Gov. Bailey,
who recently became governor of
Mississippi. Among other things he
made the following request:

"My time belongs to the people
of the State of Mississippi, and it
is my purpose to give that time
to them. However, Sunday is a
day of rest. I should like to devote
that day to my family and the
church. I know that the people
will understand and appreciate
the request that I not be asked
to devote that day to official
business except in a case of
emergency."

Such a statement should be made
by all of our officers. Too many
of them make it a practice to call
meetings and other unnecessary
labor on Sunday. We still think
that many things that are done
on Sunday could be done as well
on Monday. This statement from
our governor is a heartening one
but we must help him to keep it.
Thanks, Governor!

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND BAPTISTS

On page one is an article, "Religious
Liberty and American Baptists"
by the Joint Committee of American
Baptists. Baptists have suffered
and died in defense of religious
liberty. Many Baptists today
are unaware of the dangers that
face this precious principle. It
is being assailed both openly and
secretly.

Today pressure groups are talking
religious liberty but they mean
liberty to worship their way and
their way only. We remind our
readers that Baptists have a hard
time (if even tolerated) in countries
where they are greatly in the
minority. In Catholic countries
Baptists suffer persecution, yet in
our land these same Catholics cry
to high heaven for religious tolerance.

Read the article mentioned
above with care and thoughtfulness.
And then let all of us be vigilant
to protect that principle for
which our forefathers fought and
suffered and died.

A GOOD SUGGESTION

Enlistment Pastor W. E. Greene
suggests that churches should send
The Baptist Record to barber
shops, bus stations and other public
gathering places.

His idea is that while waiting
people may read.

Churches could do a missionary
service by following this suggestion.

Order Russian Kits today from
Atlanta. Notify Mrs. J. A. Anderson,
Belzoni, how many.

HE NEVER THOUGHT OF MISSIONS

To prevent embarrassment we
are not giving the name of the
church nor the present pastor, but
this is what the present pastor
wrote: "Here is my list of six
families, which compose the little
church of —. The man who pastored
this church before me never
thought of Missions nor the Record."
We hope that there are very
few pastors in the state who never
think of Missions or the Record.

WE ARE STILL WATCHING

A few months ago Archbishop
Spellman returned from a tour of
the European and African battle-
fronts. Collier's Magazine published
a series of articles by him. They
gave the articles much publicity.

Some time after the Archbishop's
return Dr. William Barrow Pugh,
chairman of the General Commission
on Army and Navy Chaplains (Protestant),
made a somewhat similar tour. We
then said in these columns that we
would watch to see if Collier's
published a like series of articles
by Dr. Pugh.

WE ARE STILL WATCHING.

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we
consider one of the best editorials
coming to our attention.—Editor.

THE WALDENSIANS IN ITALY

(We most respectfully call attention
to this forthright editorial from The
Presbyterian which we heartily endorse.—Editor.)

"Monday Morning" for August 2
prints a letter from Dr. Henry Sloan
Coffin to Secretary of State Cordell
Hull, in which Dr. Coffin suggests
that the United Nations would "respect
churches and the interests of the
Roman Catholic Church," it would
be wise "if in future references
to Italy some similar communications
could be made to the moderator of
the Waldensian church," as this
"would do away with the seeming
stress upon one communion to the
exclusion of others." Dr. Coffin's
suggestion should have the hearty
approval of all Protestants. The
Waldensian church, one of the oldest
of Protestant denominations, has
suffered for centuries from the effort
of the Roman church to suppress it
entirely. The ambition of that powerful
hierarchy to possess a solid
Romanist southern and central Europe
after the war is being, perhaps
unwittingly, encouraged by President
Roosevelt's administration. Our
collaboration with the Papacy in the
diplomatic field may seem to be necessary
in the procuring of an Italian
peace, but history reveals that such
an alliance is always at the expense
of Protestantism and Protestant minorities.
When our government pledges
that we will respect Romanist churches
and interests, it should re-

OVER 300 DECISIONS IN APPELMAN MEETING

The Laurel Appelman revival of the
"Mississippi for Christ" Crusade closed
its first week Sunday, January 30,
with three high hours. The Appelman
party was with the West Laurel
Church for the Sunday School hour
when 39 united with the church for
Baptism, and 8 came by letter. They
went to the First Baptist Church of
Ellisville for the worship hour and 21
were added to the church there. At
2:30 a crowd of fifteen hundred filled
the Laurel Civic Center Auditorium
to hear Bro. Appelman tell the story
of his life. A capacity crowd was
present for the evening service and
many gave their lives to Christ in
the service.

The attendance at the services has
been good. The evening services have
averaged more than seven hundred,
and the morning attendance was
about three fifty. The crowds are
expected to overflow the auditorium
before the week is out.

The music, led by a choir of seventy
voices, accompanied by two pianos
under the direction of T. D. (Texas)
Carroll has been inspirational. Special
music, furnished by the choir,
Brother Carroll and special groups
from the churches in Laurel, have
added to the attractiveness of the
services.

Brother Appelman is giving himself
unreservedly to the revival effort. He
is speaking from three to six times
every day. He has contacted civic
clubs, the Ellisville Junior College, the
colored people, and practically every
church near Laurel. Mrs. Appelman,
who is with her husband, assists in
the prayer services conducted each
evening preceeding the service.

There is no accurate report available
as to the number of additions to
the churches but it has been estimated
that three hundred have made definite
decisions during the week. All
Mississippi is asked to join Jones
County Baptists in prayer that a revival
of unheard of proportions shall
come to this section and to all Mississippi
during the Crusade.

GERALD RIDDLE.

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THOSE WHO GO AGAINST THE
CURRENT by Shirley Selfert is a historical
novel that grips the attention
from page one on. The author writes
in the form of fiction. She tells the
story of Captain Manuel Lisa, a Spaniard.
The scene is laid about 1780. It has
romance, history and just plain
good reading. It is especially interesting
to the teen age group. It is published
by J. B. Lippencott Co., Philadelphia,
and sells for \$3. LJG.

HIS PRECIOUS PROMISES by Dr.
J. W. Beagle and published by the
Home Mission Board gives in detail
the fulfillment of the precious
promises contained in Philipians
4:19. This book is interesting from
cover to cover and costs only 40 cents
in paper. It contains many of the
personal experiences of Dr. Beagle.
And anyone who has ever heard him
speak will know how interesting he
can make his Christian experiences.
It may be ordered from the Baptist
Book Store.

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MRS. HYMAN APPELMAN

Mrs. Hyman Appelman, wife of the noted evangelist who is in Mississippi for a three months' campaign is a personality on her own part. She is a native of Livermore Falls, Maine, and attended Lucy Webb, Hayes school in Washington, D. C., before graduating with the A. B. degree at Texas Wesleyan. She holds both the A. B. and M. A. degrees in religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. She is of Scotch and English descent. The Appelmans were married in Lawton, Oklahoma, in 1930. They have two children, Edgar Jasca and Ester Rebecca. As Training Union director of the Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, she led the second largest of Texas' Training Unions with over 1,000 members for two years. She served in the Vickery, Texas, church as educational director. She teaches the Business and Professional Women's Bible class in her church when she is in the city, although much of her time she works with her famous husband in the evangelistic campaigns such as Mississippi is staging this year under the auspices of the department of evangelism of Mississippi Baptists. She leads the conferences for the young people and women.



W. L. HOLCOMB

W. L. HOLCOMB GOES TO FOREST

Dr. W. L. Holcomb, for the past five years pastor at Prentiss, has accepted a call to Forest. He succeeds Barney Walker, who recently resigned to do independent evangelistic work.

Dr. Holcomb is a native of Mississippi, a graduate of Mississippi College and of the Baptist Bible Institute. He holds the Th.D. degree from the Bible Institute.

During the five years of Dr. Holcomb's pastorate at Prentiss the financial program has almost doubled. Gifts to outside causes for the last associational year were over \$5,000. They hold position No. 19 in the state with reference to gifts to the Cooperative Program. There has been a substantial increase in the membership during this period; spirituality has been deepened, faith strengthened, and interest in missions increased. Through his leadership Prentiss now has a splendid organization throughout the church. The Sunday school and Training Union are doing a great work. He has done a wonderful work with the young people, three of whom have been called to definite Christian service, two of them to the ministry. Forest gains while Prentiss loses.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

(Continued from Page Three)

Our way: We want no man as pastor with seven children.

God's way: Multiply and replenish the earth.

Our way: Our pastor must have a lot under his hat.

God's way: He is anxious that he live under the power of the Spirit.

Our way: We must have a handsome preacher.

God's way: He looks upon the heart.

God's way is the HIGHWAY!

Man's way is the LOW WAY!

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"Consistency, thou art a jewel."

Some brethren feel every emphasis should be given to supporting all the work of Christ beyond the local church through the Cooperative Program.

Some brethren feel the door to designating should be left wide open to all causes.

Some brethren feel that the major emphasis should be upon support through the Cooperative Program with occasional designations. (To your Executive Secretary this is manifestly the New Testament example. We want none better.)

Some brethren are strong for the Cooperative Program with only one or two personally favored designations.

Whatever our view we should be consistent. It is easy for the department or institution expert to clamor for favoritism. It is easy to study a given cause for presentation to a convention and conference until it gets on the heart to the point that we demand special consideration for that cause.

We have heard one brother assert in strong voice, "We must have only a Cooperative Program emphasis." The next day we have actually heard him plead for a designation. He has that right. So have others a similar right. By the time all these demands are in, the Cooperative Program emphasis is smothered.

Brethren, let us be consistent!

Brethren, let us be JUST!

WHY NOT SET UP GREAT EVANGELISTIC GOAL FOR SOUTHERN BAPTISTS' CENTENNIAL YEAR?

Frank E. Burkhalter
Baylor University

New that the debts on all our Southern Baptist agencies have been paid off, thanks to the successful promotion of the Hundred Thousand Club over a period of years, and the putting into practice of the slogan "Debt Free In Forty-Three," what special objective shall we strive for in celebration of the centennial anniversary of the convention in 1945? Surely such a significant anniversary merits a large and constructive observance.

As a layman who senses a need for a reconsecration to Christ and His cause, and a rededication to the task of personal soul winning on the part of all our people, the writer takes this means of proposing to the brotherhood the consideration of a call by the convention at its forthcoming Atlanta session, along this line to all its several million constituents.

Several reasons prompt this suggestion, but I shall mention only a few of the most compelling ones:

1. Our present record in baptisms is far below what it should be. The figures for 1942 show only 209,127 baptisms in all our 25,737 churches, with a combined membership of 5,367,129. Reduced to proportions, this indicates that we had only one addition to our churches by baptism for every 25 members. Surely it should not take 25 Baptists twelve months to win one soul to Christ!

2. Winning the lost to the Saviour is the chief mission of the churches, all of us admit, and surely it would be in order to major upon our chief mission in our centennial year.

3. Many churches would exert themselves more vigorously in this direction, in response to a strong denominational appeal, than they would otherwise. This should not be the case, of course, but it is, nevertheless.

4. All our churches need the stimulus and revitalization which a special and sustained emphasis upon evangelism and reconsecration to the Lord would produce.

5. Since our Southwide debts have already been liquidated, thus attaining a previous centennial objective ahead of time, there is at present, so far as this writer knows, no great Southwide denominational goal ahead of us for 1945.

6. No other program of effort which this writer can suggest would so honor our Saviour as an earnest, concentrated, denominationwide call to all our Baptist people to renewed dedication of ourselves to Christ, and to the primary task to which He would have us devote ourselves—personal soul winning. In this year above all others He should have the pre-eminence.

7. The blessings which God would pour out upon us in such an effort would greatly strengthen every other phase of both our co-operative work and that of the churches.

To fully enlist all the churches in such an undertaking, a program looking to that end should be launched at Atlanta. This writer believes a carefully conceived and executed program embodying these objectives and enlisting the cooperation of all the churches, would make of 1945 by far the most memorable year in the history of our denomination.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES
By Dr. Chester M. Savage

Called and Accepted

Berton McGee, Pattison, Miss.
F. G. Wilborn, Rocky Creek, Lucedale, Miss.
Woodrow W. Clark, Poplar Springs, Newton, Miss.
G. W. Smith, Harpersville and Walnut Grove, Miss.
C. J. Williams, Elida, New Mexico.
F. M. Simmons, Florence, Texas.
D. C. Bandy, West Side, Wichita Falls, Texas.
Homer Bradley, Des Arc, Ark.
F. Ernest Bray, Leachville, Ark.
E. E. Wells, Chelsea, Ala.
S. W. Wilson, Boligee, Ala.
W. B. Cone, Mausville, N. C.
John Newport, Rockingham, N. C.
R. L. Councilman, Cashie, N. C.
R. D. Keller, Spruce Pine, N. C.
Paul T. Huling, Houston St., Knoxville, Tenn.

L. G. Gatlin, Pulaski, Tenn.
J. M. Jordan, Meridian, Texas.
J. E. Brown, Eldon, Mo.
J. A. Love, Raleigh White Mem., Albany, Ga.
Dr. R. Paul Caudill, 1st Church, Memphis, Tenn.

George L. Brown, Holden Hts., Orlando, Fla.
Harvey W. Graham, Western Hts., Atlanta, Ga.

R. F. Estrada, 2nd, Bastrop, La.

Resigned

Berton McGee, West End, West Point, Miss.
F. G. Wilborn, Spring Creek, Philadelphia, Miss.

J. A. Barnhill, Main St., Hattiesburg, Miss.

G. W. Smith, Sallis, Miss.
B. I. Carpenter, Belen, New Mexico.
Arvil Richardson, Calvary, Silverton, Texas.

F. E. Bray, Casey, Ill.
W. Jeffrey Jones, Central, Gainesville, Ga.

E. E. Wells, Columbiana, Ala.
S. A. Rhyne, Pleasant Grove, N. C.
Dr. A. E. Tibbs, Carrolton Ave., New Orleans, La.

J. E. Ledbetter, Ninety-Six, S. C.
T. D. Sankey, Westville, Okla.
J. M. Jordan, Calvary, Vernon, Tex.
Dr. R. Paul Caudill, 1st Church, Augusta, Ga.

J. A. Love, Tabernacle, Albany, Ga.
W. T. MacArthur, Melrose, New Mexico.

F. A. Green, Silver City, New Mexico.

W. D. Burns, Lynn Haven, Fla.
Geo. L. Brown, DeLeon Springs, Fla.
J. E. Brown, Festus, Mo.

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TWELVE TREMENDOUS THEMES

is a book of sermons on twelve great doctrines by John R. Rice. Sermon subjects are: Verbal Inspiration of the Bible; Scientific Accuracy of the Bible Proven; The Universal Malady, Sin; Double Theme of All the Prophets; "Paul's Gospel" of "Kingdom Gospel"; The Love of the Spirit; Can A Saved Person Ever Be Lost?; Sunday or Sabbath?; Is There Literal, Physical Fire in Hell?; Is the Torment in Hell Eternal?; "Churches" and "The Church"; and Jesus May Come Today. The book sells for \$1 and may be ordered from Sword of the Lord Publishers, 145 North Hale Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

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Order Russian Kits today from Atlanta. Notify Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni, how many.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

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Vice-President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

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Young Woman's Auxiliary Focus Week—February 6-11

Woman's Missionary Union sets aside one week in each quarter to centralize their efforts on one of the auxiliaries. February 6-11 is the chosen time to magnify the Young Woman's Auxiliary—hence the name, Y. W. A. Focus Week. This should be made a very important week for your young women in your church.

Our W. M. U. watchword this year should challenge us to use these special weeks to enlist the young people who are not in the organizations. We are giving some suggestions from the February copy of The Window of Y. W. A. for the observance of Focus Week.

Focus Week For Young Woman's Auxiliaries, February 6-11

Objects of Focus Week:

- to improve your Young Woman's Auxiliary
- to help your church and community know the values of Young Woman's Auxiliary
- to enlist more members in your Young Woman's Auxiliary
- to enlarge your mission enthusiasm

Committees should be busy during Young Woman's Auxiliary Focus Week.

Publicity committee—posters and announcements and accounts in church bulletins, newspapers.

Membership committee—make this a real "rush week" for your Young Woman's Auxiliary, secure new members, arouse your entire membership.

Mission study committee—study a new book this week. See suggestions and helps for studying Christianity Our Citadel, page 13, or By Way of Cherokee, price 40c, or The Trumpet of a Prophecy, price 60c or another excellent mission study text.

Stewardship committee—pursue stewardship education plans; look forward to Annie Armstrong Offering.

Poster committee—put up posters at church and on campus showing Young Woman's Auxiliary activities; make poster of Annie Armstrong Offering objectives; see back cover page.

Social committee—plan a party, supper, picnic—something special for Y. W. A.'s and friends.

Library committee—add to your books circulating among Young Woman's Auxiliary members, mission biography (Burma Surgeon, Ann of Ava, etc.) mission story (Life Has No Ceiling, Strangers No Longer, etc.)

Literature committee—make your Young Woman's Auxiliary membership 100 per cent in subscribing to The Window of Y.W.A.

Undertake some new project in community missions—organize a new Young Woman's Auxiliary in a neighboring church—start a Young Woman's Auxiliary council in your city or association.

Suppose the war should be over tomorrow and the young men and young women who have entered into

a deeper knowledge of God while facing death should be home, would your Young Woman's Auxiliary be spiritually developed to meet them? Would your Young Woman's Auxiliary know through mission study about the different sections of the world, about America's internal problems which can only be solved by Christianity? Speed up your Young Woman's Auxiliary activities during Focus Week and have the kind of organization which will really be worthy and worthwhile.

The literature for the observance of the March Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions has been mailed to all the presidents and auxiliary counselors. I am sure you already have it in your hands and that you have begun planning for your program. Look on page 4 of the Program Material and you will find the Regular Reminders and also the Suggestions to the President and Program Committee. Please take note of these splendid suggestions and profit by them.

For studying the book "Christianity Our Citadel" you will find on pages 26 and 27 of February Royal Service some very helpful suggestions for teaching the book. Do not fail to participate in the study of this book.

Appeal for the March Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Offering

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary of S.B.C. Home Mission Board

The Home Mission Board greets Woman's Missionary Union with profound joy and gratitude. For reasons too numerous to mention the Board feels deeply obligated to the Union. Year by year we are reminded of this obligation by the prayers and gifts so joyously and sacrificially offered for home missions. Not only do we rejoice in the support which the Union gives to our home mission work, but we rejoice also in the development of the missionary spirit in our churches through the splendid educational work carried on by the Union. None of us will ever know this side the Glory Land the power of the prayers of our women which ascend daily to the Father's Throne in behalf of all our work and workers. Eternity alone will reveal the harvest of souls saved, lives redeemed and service rendered as a result of the missionaries supported by the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

From year to year the Annie Armstrong Offerings have increased, going beyond \$225,000 last year. But our needs are increasing also. If our denomination becomes the great agent for the propagation of the Gospel to the whole world that God intended it to be, the evangelization of the homeland becomes a present and superlative need which must not be overlooked or side-tracked to an unimportant place. We should make, and I appeal to Woman's Missionary Union to help us make our homeland

a demonstration station for the religion of Christ.

With gratitude in our hearts for your loyalty and devotion to home missions we thank every member in the Union for the prayers and the gifts that sustained us through the struggle under the debt that burdened us so long and for the noble part you had in helping to free our Board from debt. We are still in need now of your prayers and gifts. With the enlarged scope of our work and the insistency of the future when a distraught, enervated, disillusioned and needy world shall open its doors for the Gospel, there is the supreme challenge to the Home Mission Board to double and triple its work. We will need motive, money and men for the world's speedy evangelization when peace comes. We appeal to the women and young people of Woman's Missionary Union to triple their efforts for home missions that these may be made available.

Friends of Mine:

It is December again, and December means memories of Light and Love and Peace. Yes, Peace even in these war torn times, for the Kingdom of God is WITHIN us.

My heart beats with your hearts as you think of absent ones, some struggling for life and progress against the very foes with which Paul told us we would contend, others having contended have gone on before and at this blessed season are taking part in the very angels' chorus itself, and not as we who are hearing it as from afar. May God's grace sustain and calm each one of you.

A busy month is December. This morning a cake was in the making. One of my girls who married and is at home for a few days will eat with Cira and me tonight, bringing her father and mother and husband. And to the good smell of that cake I was in the yard teaching the G. A.'s and R. A.'s how to play croquet, our new game . . . gift of friends (some of you).

The Beginners Department is putting on a light green dress for Christmas . . . gift of love also . . . and of course the painter would come today which means many steps for me.

This afternoon it was necessary to make some visits to my people who need an encouraging word, who need much more than I can give them with my presence in their humble homes.

Tonight an early B. T. U. monthly meeting, after that to a Seventh of December program given by the schools in the public auditorium. Do you think I will have strength for a rehearsal afterwards? Yes, for my church is dedicating the night of the 23rd to the children, and the young people will give them a surprise play: "The Prisoner's Christmas." From the church each child will receive a small cake, but already some of you have thought of us, and nuts and candy will be added, while an American friend in a nearby town is adding oranges. I had dreamed of a white

Nativity scene for our white Christmas, real characters in the silent scene, the stable covered with snow, the trees with icicles, and around the manger we would place our white gifts. I dreamed, I said, but for twenty-five years you people have made many of my dreams come true, and this is one of them, airplanes are bringing me your love.

Also December has meant for my people a time of reciprocity, so a Lottie Moon Offering has gone to our W. M. U. treasurer, Richmond has received a gift for war relief, and an extra amount given to the Hundred Thousand Club, for we want to feel real happiness as we have a Thanksgiving service December 31st. And are we proud of our large globes for the church lights! The result of the "savings account" among the members.

December necessarily had to mean an extension of our labors, so a Sunday School has been started in the mission town. It is a real sacrifice to send two of our teachers . . . teachers are scarce among us . . . and pay an extra five dollars monthly for fares, but faces are brighter and hearts happier because of the sacrifice.

This will be a happy Christmas for me; my home speaks of your love wherever I look, and as soon as things are normal again, the church will have many repairs . . . all because you love the Lord and as I talked to you this summer your hearts were moved and your purses opened toward our beautiful land here. Never could words adequately express my appreciation. May God give souls as your recompense . . . here and there.

How burdened we are for souls! But what a long way it is from Catholicism to Christ! Surely only the Grace of God can cover the distance. Do continue, I beg, to hold up our hands with your prayers. Many times our practically national religion gives Satan a fine chance to tempt with discouragement. But we will be strong in Christ with your help.

Our Annex fund grows, more than \$300 now. We are trying to rent the house next door and have S. S. rooms there, continuing to save for a building and not touching the fund. Increase of gifts for that rent on the part of my members is absolutely faith. I often tell them that my furniture which is moved out each Sunday will soon be in the trash, then I shall be glad to see my empty house filled with benches, children, Standards, etc. The owner of the house runs from us. His home to the Baptist church! Incredible! Some of you promised to pray for him. Don't forget.

I love you. A wonderful Christmas is my wish.

CHRISTINE GARRETT.

(Mimeographed in W. M. U. Office, Birmingham Dec. 31, 1943).
(Postage to Cuba, 3c an ounce).

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Order Russian Kits today from Atlanta. Notify Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni, how many.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



J. D. RAY

SEVEN HUNDRED CHURCHES HAVE ADOPTED EVERY FAMILY PLAN Starkville Joins EF Group as Number 700

A welcome addition to the growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches is the First church, Starkville, Dr. J. D. Ray, pastor. And it was done without any outside help. Dr. Ray had wanted it for some time but until recently conditions were not favorable.

Not only has Dr. Ray led Starkville First to the EVERY FAMILY Plan but also to elect an associate pastor—Rev. Harold Douglass.

On January 1, 1944, Dr. Ray began his 28th year as pastor at Starkville.

Concerning the EVERY FAMILY Plan, Dr. Ray wrote: "We are sure that the EVERY FAMILY Plan will create a growing denominational interest as well as a deeper interest in all the Baptist affairs locally, statewide and worldwide."

Record readers in Oktibbeha county are listed as follows: ADATON 18; BETHESDA 23; LONGVIEW 32; MABEN 38; Pleasant Ridge 4; Morgan Chapel 12; STARKVILLE 145; Salem 1; State College 1; STURGIS 42; Wake Forest 7, and EAST STARKVILLE 15.

FINE GROVE CHURCH, LAUDERDALE COUNTY, IS EVERY FAMILY Becomes No. 705 on Every Family List

In addition to Pine Grove in Tip-pah county and Pine Grove in Simpson county, we are glad to list Pine Grove in Lauderdale county as EVERY FAMILY. We are glad to list E. F. Grayson as pastor and O. S. Moore as clerk. Sixty-five families are now getting The Record.

Lauderdale county Record readers are now listed as follows: Bethany 29; Collinsville 13; Daleville 10; Fellowship 43; Goodwater 14; Hickory Grove 2; Hickory Ridge 9; Highland 198; Hopewell 1; Kewanee 23; Lauderdale 13; Liberty 11; Macedonia 1; Marion 15; Meehan 11; Midway 3; Fifteenth Avenue 262; Meridian First 523; Caus-eyville 37; Eighth Avenue 53; Forty First Avenue 54; Mt. Gilead 27; Mt.



REV. CLARK RAKESTRAW
W. Clark Rakestraw Joins 100% Club

The list of pastors with 100% EVERY FAMILY Plan fields continues to grow. A recent addition is W. Clark Rakestraw. He is pastor at Ellistown, Union county; Pheba, Hebron and Cedar Bluff, all in Clay county. And though it "shows up" the circulation manager, we must admit that Pastor Rakestraw has succeeded where the circulation manager had failed.

Concerning the EVERY FAMILY Plan Pastor Rakestraw says, "I find the Record not only pays for itself but helps my people to know some facts that I don't have time to explain. Also gasoline has been cut and I am not able to contact all as I should and The Baptist Record is the best way I have found to visit my people."

Union county's Record readers are listed as follows: CENTER 27; Blue Springs 7; GLENFIELD 21; MYRTLE 44; NEW ALBANY 379; Oak Grove 1; WALLERVILLE 41; Unity 1; ELLISTOWN 37; NEELY MEMORIAL 20, and Shady Grove 1.

Record readers in Clay county are: CEDAR BLUFF 13; PHEBA 28; WEST END 32; WEST POINT 82; HEBRON 28; Old Montpelier 1, and NEW MONTEPIER 14.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON

We had the privilege of supplying for the First Baptist church of Jackson on a recent Sunday night. While recuperating from a recent illness the pastor, Dr. W. A. Hewitt preaches only on Sunday morning. This is one of the great churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. As evidence we offer the following figures given us by one of the deacons:

Total membership 4,132; additions in 1943, 314; Sunday School enrollment, 1,780; members of the church in the armed forces, 315; total receipts for 1943, \$82,635.61; contributed for Missions and Benevolences, \$28,003.70.

One of the members in speaking of the work of Assistant Pastor Henry Love said, "I would like to call your special attention to the fine work which the assistant pastor, Henry Love, rendered to the church after the death of Mr. Hollingsworth (fi-

Nebo 12; New Hope 41; Oak Grove 5; Pine Grove 65; Poplar Springs Drive 110; Russell 18; Southside 27; Toomsuba 28; Bonita 2; Providence 17; Hebron 38, and New Zion 16.

nancial secretary) and during the illness of our pastor."

Hinds county Record readers are now listed as follows: BETHESDA 43; BOLTON 25; BYRAM 15; CALVARY 835; CHAPEL HILL 33; CLINTON 150; DANIEL 18; DAVIS MEMORIAL 94; EDWARDS 3; GRIFFITH MEMORIAL 295; JACKSON FIRST 466; LEARNED 14; NORTH SIDE JACKSON 102; PAL-ESTINE 10; PARKWAY 180; POCA-HONTAS 22; RAYMOND 72; SOUTH SIDE JACKSON 51; UTICA 67; NEW HAVEN 21; MT. MORGAN 10; VAN WINKLE 93; TERRY 50; SALEM 32, and SIWELL 16.

BETHEL—RANKIN COUNTY

Bethel people go to church whether the service is held on the regular preaching day or not.

A special service was held on the fifth Sunday night for the purpose of ordaining J. E. Ainsworth, Jr., Bernes Comfort and Jake Renfroe as deacons. Pastor W. H. Wood invited us to deliver the charge.

We heard many nice things about the pastor and his work.

Rankin county Record readers are listed as follows: ANTIOCH 62; BARE-FOOT 8; BRANDON 5; BRIAR HILL 40; CATO 42; CLEAR BRANCH 16; PUCKETT 34; CONCORD 13; COUN-TRY LINE 22; EAST SIDE 9; GALILEE 1; HICKORY RIDGE 3; JOHNS 7; LEESBURG 46; MIZPAH 9; MOUN-TAIN CREEK 31; OAKDALE 18; PEARSON 23; PELAHATCHIE 64; PISGAH 42; RICHLAND 57; ROCK HILL 14; STEENS CREEK 90; UNION 31; WHITFIELD 1; STAR 41; COOP-ERVILLE 1; BETHEL 12, and LIBER-TY 18.

HAZLEHURST

Flu floored pastor J. H. Street and we had the privilege of supplying for him at the morning service on Janu-ary 30. The auditorium was well filled and Hazlehurst Baptists are among the world's most attentive listeners.

All phases of the work are making progress and the number of Baptist Record readers is increasing.

Copiah is one of our best Baptist Record counties with readers listed as follows: BETHEL 44; CARPENTER 30; COUNTY LINE 29; CRYSTAL SPRINGS 395; GALLMAN 27; GALI-LEE 16; GATESVILLE 13; GEORGE-TOWN 36; HARMONY 3; HAZLE-HURST 65; HOPEWELL 31; NEW PROVIDENCE 19; NEW ZION 57; PINE BLUFF 40; MISSION HILL 1; PILGRIM'S REST 54; PLEASANT HILL 19; POPLAR SPRINGS 18; ROCKPORT 4; SARDIS 34; SHADY GROVE 46; SPRING HILL 27; STRONG HOPE 52; WESSON 4; SMYRNA 20; DAMASCUS 10; AN-TIOCH 14; SYLVARENA 42, and ZION HILL 28.

LAUREL

The editor of The Baptist Record had the privilege of attending the Hy-man Appleman revival meeting at Laurel and the Pastors' Conference which was held in connection. The reporter will write more in detail of the meeting. All the brethren of the Pastors' Conference program seemed to be at their best. The attendance of pastors was unusually large and repre-sentative. Anyone who has ever heard Hyman Appelmann will know just how good his sermons are. All the churches were cooperating in a way to warm the hearts of all interested in the meeting.

S. C. RAY

WHEREAS: The death angel has in-vaded the ranks of Durant Baptist church and taken one of our most faith-ful members;

WHEREAS: The church has suffered great loss in his going because of his wise counsel, his high Christian ideals and virtues, and spiritual and material contributions to God's cause here. Bro. S. C. Ray, being a member of this church, for a long period of years, serv-ing as Sunday School superintendent, deacon, and chairman of ushers where he was especially fitted, for many years was tireless in his labors for the ad-vancement of God's Kingdom, and loyal and devoted to his church and its af-fairs.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that we thank God for giving Bro. S. C. Ray to us as long as he did, and that we ask him to lead us to one who can and will carry on in his stead as con-scientiously as he did. And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of our church, a copy be sent to the members of the family and that a copy be sent to The Baptist Record for publication.

J. O. RITTER, R. E. IRBY,
J. F. NEELY, Committee.

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DIVISION CHAPLAIN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

This is not the customary Christ-mas wish. The time is past for soft words or sentimental wishes. Neither am I trying to win friends. I am try-ing to influence people, especially you. It is my duty and privilege as your division chaplain to give you the following facts:

You must have the grace of God upon you for your highest personal usefulness, and for the efficiency and safety of your men.

The grace of God is available to you under two conditions:

- (1) Bible study and worship.
- (2) Prayer, and the surrender of your will to God—completely and finally.

If you can't or won't find time for worship, Bible study, or prayer, you are trying to do more than your country can rightfully require of you, and more than God does expect of you. So, don't deceive yourself.

If you won't surrender your will to God, you must be unaware of His goodness, love, wisdom, and power; or else you believe you are self-suffi-cient and don't need God. In either case, you have a false god, or you have become your own god. Which-ever it is, your primary need, to use the well-known army phrase, is "to see the chaplain."

No man has the moral right to occupy a position of leadership, the occupancy of which position jeopard-izes the moral welfare of those whom he is leading. 2 Samuel 23:3, "He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God."

Having the recognized ecclesiasti-cal, governmental, and divine au-thority, knowledge and purpose, I certify to the above facts.

Whatever your decision and subse-quent action with attendant results, the whole matter is your responsibil-ity. We shall know in the final judgment.

May I express my deep appreciation for your support of the religious pro-gram in your unit.—James A. Bryant, division chaplain.

(Editor's note: Mississippians will remember Chaplain Bryant as one of our Mississippi boys and a former pastor in our state. He is now divi-sion chaplain at Fort Jackson, S. C.)

"MOTHER DOES NOT CARE" WRITES ARMY BOY

(Continued from Page One)

couraged boy that there has ever been, for when I got home everything seemed to be just about as usual. About the only difference that I could see was that they fussed about having to put up with rationing, and because they couldn't buy just anything they wanted to have. . . .

The mother that I thought would pray with me and help me to be saved never once mentioned religion to me. She has even quit going to church with the excuse that they don't have enough gas to drive to church. I noticed that they could take a drive and go visiting on Sunday afternoons. Anyway the church isn't far distant and anyone who was really interested could walk.

Dad's Big Pay

Dad is all wrapped up in his job. Of course, it is a defense job, but he doesn't seem to care much about the defense end of it. All he could talk about was the big salary he was getting. . . .

Time and again I would bring up the subject of religion, hoping that Mother or Dad would talk to me about my soul. Oh, how I wanted Mother to pray for me and how I wanted Dad to talk to me! . . . But the full time of my furlough passed and they had not said one word.

Then came the day when I had to leave. Preacher, I couldn't stand it any longer. I know you may think I am a fool, but I broke down and cried like a baby. I just couldn't help it. It wasn't because I was having to leave. I didn't mind that so much. I knew that I might never see them again. But that wasn't what worried me. I just had to cry to think that my own mother and dad were not in the least interested in my salvation.

Determined to be Saved

Preacher, I came back to camp determined by the help of God to be saved. I know this is a long letter and will take some of your precious time, but I write it in the hope that you may be able to say or do something that will wake up the godless fathers and mothers of America to see that they have boys and girls who need to be saved, and that they should help them.

Preacher, keep telling the truth over and over and over again, and please write me just what I must do to be saved, for I want to be a real Christian and be ready to meet Jesus even if I have to die on the battlefield.

(Signed) _____

Note: Thank God that all fathers and mothers are not like this soldier's parents! But the shame of it is that there are any parents who are ashamed or afraid to speak to their own flesh and blood regarding the most important matter in the world. —NOW (Jan. 7, 1944).

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Forest: As we begin our pastorate at Forest the people have been most gracious in every respect. We have never been more cordially welcomed anywhere. Last Wednesday night they gave their new pastor and family a pounding. This was no little offering. To say that we are thankful is altogether inadequate. —W. L. Holcomb.

V. R. Crider has resigned as pastor of Magee's Creek church, (Walthall County) and accepted Paynes (Tallahatchie County). For the present he will serve Paynes half time but plans are being made to go to full time by June first.

Mississippi Southern College's Receives Coveted Award



This is to certify that
The Baptist Student Union
of
Mississippi Southern College
has attained
First Magnitude
five consecutive years



December 18, 1943, C. S. Moulder, Baptist Student Secretary, Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, received a Five-Year Star Award signed by Dr. Frank H. Leavell (Southwide Student Secretary) and his associates. Brother Moulder has been Baptist Student Secretary at Mississippi Southern since June 8, 1938.

Each year of his leadership, B. S. U. work at Mississippi Southern College has received the First Magnitude Award. Mississippi Southern College is one of the twenty colleges in our eighteen Southern states that has received the star award for reaching First Magnitude five years in succession.

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT WORK,
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HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

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Clayton L. Hurd

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SUGGESTIONS 'ABOUT RUSSIAN KITS

In all probability many churches in Mississippi are busy filling the Russian Kits. Many problems perhaps are arising.

For instance, what about ration points? The OPA has ruled that no extra ration points can be given for this work. They are, however, happy to share their points with the Russians sufferers.

Again, what about items which are not available? In cases of this kind we should duplicate some other item on the list. Do not put items in the kit which are not on the list.

Again, is it all right to use any other kind of sugar than cube or tablet sugar? Yes, any sugar is all right so long as it is in a carton. Do not put it in paper sacks, as the paper will not hold up until it reaches its destination.

Again, where should we send the kits after they are filled?

Kits from Mississippi should be sent to Russian War Relief, 401 Washington St., New York, N. Y. If possible, send prepaid.

Just two or three suggestions are in line. First, if your church or association has not ordered its supply of kits, please do so at once. Second, if your church has ordered kits and has not received them please notify Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni. Third, while the original date for filling the kits was set for January 16-30, word comes from Atlanta that the time will be extended to enable every church to do its best.

May we urge that we expedite this with all haste? Every day of delay will mean that some family in far-away Russia will have to endure one more day of gnawing hunger. Haste may save a life!

—BR—

Order Russian Kits today from Atlanta. Notify Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni, how many.

OWEN SYLVESTER CROTHWAIT

Recent reference to the late Brother Owen Sylvester Crothwait characterized him as a devout Christian, faithful deacon, loyal churchman, humble servant, good citizen, benevolent friend.

In the light of this description, which so fittingly and feelingly expresses our sentiments relative to our Brother, be it resolved by Drew Baptist Church, Drew, Mississippi, that:

FIRST: We, as a Church and community, acknowledge our great loss;

SECOND: That we resolve among ourselves to put forth a greater effort to carry on the work to which Brother Crothwait so faithfully devoted himself;

THIRD: That it is the wish of this Church that a copy of this statement be sent to the Baptist Record for publication, and a copy presented to Mrs. Crothwait and the family.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. R. C. SMITH

F. C. BARNES

Wm. F. TAYLOR

Committee on Resolutions.

—BR—

A Pastoral Bethrothal

A novel inaugural service was used recently when Dr. James A. Stewart became pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville. Addressing the congregation, Dr. G. S. Dobbins, presiding, asked "Do you take this man to be your true and faithful pastor, and do you solemnly promised to love and cherish him in sickness and in health, through good times and bad times, and to follow his leadership in extending the Kingdom of God?" Solemnly they replied, "We do." Turning, then to the new pastor, Dr. Dobbins asked him, "Do you take this congregation as your God-appointed flock, and do you solemnly promise to serve them faithfully in sickness and in health, in good times and in evil, and forsaking all things else to give yourself without stint to their leadership?" After a significant pause, the new pastor firmly replied, "I do."—The Tie.

—BR—

C. F. Berry, Louisville, Ky., has been elected as the Sunday School and Training Union Secretary in Illinois. He has served as associate in the Kentucky department for several years.

BELZONI PASTOR APPROVES KIT CAMPAIGN

Dear Fellow Pastor:

Allow me to add a few words of testimony and appeal concerning the Russian Kit Campaign. It may be that you have hung back from starting this good work in your Church, because of your belief that the articles requested could not be secured. Frankly, that was our first impression here in Belzoni. When I told my people about "the" need in Russia, and the plan afoot to meet the need, they were all agreed that it was a fine thing to do, and they wanted to help the needy people in Russia — But they said, "It will be impossible for us to get those articles listed here in Belzoni." That almost stumped us, but since there was a willingness to do a way was found to do it. A committee of resourceful ladies of the Church was appointed and asked to purchase as they had occasion, the articles asked to be put in the kits. Our Sunday School classes raised the money, and the ladies secured the articles. We are filling one hundred kits, and with the exception of one item we have in hand about everything that ought to go in these kits. We have found that the articles requested can be secured. I believe that if you assure your people that the needed articles can be acquired, that you will have no difficulty in getting your church to accept a large quota of kits to be filled.

Our people have heartily entered into this campaign, and have received a blessing thereby. The boys and girls and even the adults of our S. S. keenly enjoyed writing the notes to be placed in each of the kits. This is a worthy way to serve our Lord — "Ye have done it unto Me." I commend the enterprise to you, with the assurance born of actual experience that the articles can be secured.

A sugar committee was appointed and they asked individuals to surrender sugar stamps or bring in two pounds of sugar.

Yours in Christian Service,
CHESTER A. MOLPHUS

—BR—

Watts Memorial: We had eight additions by letter Sunday, January 30.—J. F. Brantley, pastor.

First Church, Hattiesburg: A committee is working on a new library project and expects to be able to announce the opening of the library before long. It will be a modest beginning but we expect to see this phase of church ministry expand into a major service. — T. D. Brown, pastor.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Dr. P. L. Lipsey, Clinton; Dr. J. H. Hooks, Rayville, La.; Rev. Lem Sales, Clinton; Rev. Arlis E. Smith, Clinton; Chap. Charles O. Daniels, Fort Benning, Ga.; Rev. W. H. Wood, Brandon; Dr. C. S. Thomas, Jackson; Rev. J. W. Kitchens, Ackerman; G. M. Welch, Mendenhall; and Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni.

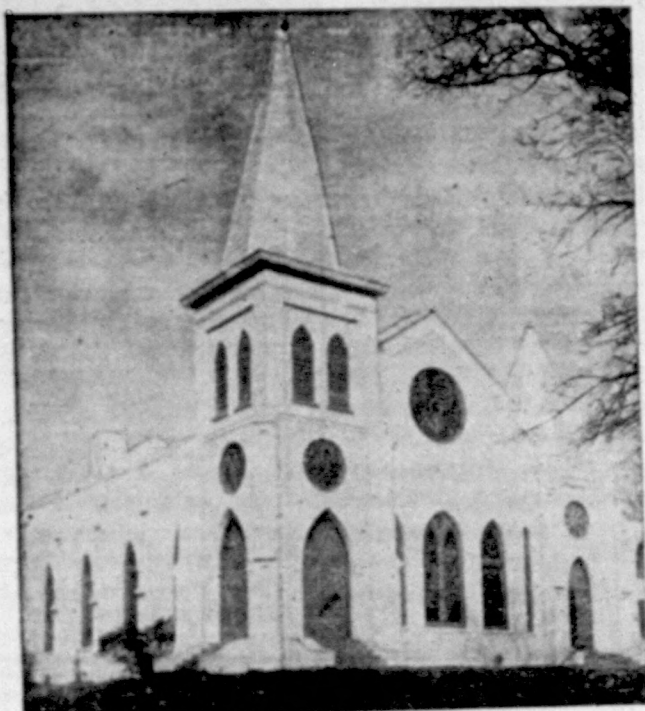
Don Norman, for several years the associate editor of the Texas Baptist Standard has been named the director of the Moody Press, Chicago, Ill. We wish Don well in his new work.

Rev. William W. Miller, Scooba, Mississippi, who has been pastor at Folsom, Louisiana, has accepted the work at Scooba and DeKalb—half time each.

C. H. Skutt has accepted the pastorate at Como. He will serve them full time. Plans are being made to erect a new church if and when.

Mrs. R. Y. Wall, Lena, New Home church, recently sent in a nice club of subscriptions.

Oxford Baptist Church Observes Twentieth Anniversary



FRANK PURSER MOODY
Marian Leavell

The Baptist Church of Oxford, Mississippi, has observed two important anniversaries in the past two years. The church was 100 years old in 1942 and a celebration of the "birthday" was of interest to many within the state. One feature of the anniversary was the reading of portions of the history of the 100 years, as compiled by Mrs. Christopher Longest. A copy of the history is being presented to the library of Mississippi College.

The second anniversary of interest to the church was the twentieth anniversary of the coming of the present pastor. Quoting from the history of the 100 years, we give the following items of interest:

"On October 28th a pulpit committee reported to the church. The report of said committee recommends Bro. Frank Moody Purser of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to be our pastor." The call was extended and accepted. Bro. Purser entered upon his pastorate November 7, 1923 and has the distinction of having held the pastorate longer than any other minister during the long history of the church. We are happy that he is with us today. His administration is the final chapter in the story, and as many of the happenings are still fresh in our memories, we shall only briefly recount them.

"In December 1923 at the White Gift Christmas service an offering of \$100.00 was taken and an unusual feature was the baptism of two little girls, Lucy Carleton Wilds and Mary Elizabeth Purser.

"During this period since 1923, evangelistic meetings have been held frequently. Some fifteen efforts in evangelism are listed in the minutes of the church, apart from the student efforts on the campus among the Baptist students.

"The number of deacons has increased from the original seven to a present number of 16.

"The Sunday school, under the leadership of Dr. Christopher Longest was keeping abreast of the church life, observing the various features of the work and co-operating in all movements for the advancement of the church. In 1938 Dr. Longest resigned as superintendent after serving 14 years. Resolutions of appreciation of his service were passed and a gift of esteem was presented. (Since 1938 he has again served as superintendent of the Sunday school, crediting him with more years of service in this capacity than any other leader.) As a part of the responsibility of the Sunday school numerous Vacation schools have been held.

"The Training Union department of the church (organized in 1900 under caption of B. Y. P. U.) has also grown with the passing years and is wide awake and fully organized. (Mr. Wilds, who recently celebrated his 25th anniversary as Training Union director of the state work, was baptized in this church in 1901 and has been a member throughout these years since.)

"The W. M. U. likewise shows growth in the last twenty years. The pastor has been sympathetic and 'knows what it is about.' Mesdames J. B. Wootton, Christopher Longest, B. G. Lowry, P. L. Rainwater and L. P. Leavell have served as presidents during this period. The W. M. U. is fully organized, carrying on the many activities sponsored by the W. M. U. program of the South.

"The Baptist Student Union on the University campus has been in effect since 1928. Two secretaries have served during these years, Mr. Fred H. Terry and Miss Marian Leavell. The Oxford church has always sought

to minister to these students through the B. S. U. and counts it a joy to serve them while they are at the University.

"Other items of interest during these 20 years of Brother Purser's ministry would include (still quoting from the church history):

"In 1930 the pastor was granted a leave of absence for two months to visit the Holy Land and European countries, and Dr. P. I. Lipsey served in his absence.

"In 1936 our pastor was elected president of the Baptist State Convention and served for two years. In 1939 the Convention Board elected him as its Executive Secretary. He declined and the church offered resolutions 'voicing the pleasure of the church at his decision to remain with us, at a salary less than that offered by the Board; and our appreciation of his services; and to reaffirm our whole-hearted support of his leadership.'

"Two young men have been licensed and two ordained to the ministry during Dr. Purser's pastorate; also two young women have taken as their careers full time religious work. Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds, daughter of our Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wilds, was graduated from B. M. C. in June 1935 and immediately went into religious work as associate state Baptist Training Union secretary. She is now serving her alma mater as Baptist student secretary. The other, Miss Marian Leavell, daughter of our late Mr. L. P. Leavell and Mrs. Leavell, became full time Baptist student secretary in 1931 at the University (located at Oxford), and is still serving in that position.

"Sometimes we have been more prosperous than at others. Even though a debt faced us often, it has been a stimulus (we hope) rather than a drawback and we have moved forward in spite of it. The \$75,000,000.00 campaign was brought to a close and other calls because of debt, either Southwide or Statewide (namely, the Hundred Thousand Club and the more recent 'Now' Club), have been presented and have had a share in our gifts, along with the regular church budget, the Co-operative Program, and specific offerings through all organizations.

"The church has a well working program of music, with three organized choirs. The Adult Choir is under the direction of Mrs. V. B. Harrison and the Junior and High School Choirs are directed by Miss Marian Leavell. All three choirs are robed and contribute regularly to the various services of the church.

"To bring our history to date, we should chronicle a memorable occasion in November 1943 when the church celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the coming of their beloved pastor with a service of appreciation. The service was held in the church auditorium with the entire membership having received an invitation to be present. Appropriate music was sung, words of appreciation spoken, and several gifts presented, namely: an 'anniversary' cake with 20 lighted candles, a money gift of \$100.00 and a generous pantry shower."

We recognize with thankfulness the Lord's goodness to us during these years.

Alphabetical list of members of First church of Oxford, Mississippi,

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Crowder	68	41
Hardy	48	
New Haven (Hinds) Jan. 23	57	
Griffith Memorial	553	313
Handsboro (Jan. 23)	67	
First Baptist, Jackson	909	
Calvary, Jackson	897	226
Parkway	465	
Ellistown	113	69
Van Winkle	126	54
Salem (Covington)	167	153
Enon (Panola)	59	60
Crystal Springs	400	125
West Side Natchez	7	57
Mt. Creek (Rankin)	49	23
New Albany	407	120
Olive Branch	79	45
Watts Memorial	396	102

BR
L. C. Ray has resigned as business manager of The Western Recorder in order to become pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, Louisville, Kentucky.

BR
Order Russian Kits today from Atlanta. Notify Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni, how many.

who have been licensed to preach or have been ordained to the ministry by the church:

Licensed:
John W. Chance, March 1935.
J. G. Fry, November 1877.
James Isom, February 1876.
James B. Leavell, October 1, 1905.
Earl McElroy, September 5, 1923.
John A. Parker, May 30, 1937.
Hugh Lee Simmons, July 3, 1918.
Wilburn Smith, July 25, 1920.

Note: It is of interest that before the Civil War when the colored people were members of the church the minutes of August 1855 recorded that William, a servant of C. M. Phipps, was granted the privilege of praying and exhorting his colored friends in a lawful way. In other words, it might be said he was licensed to preach. If so, then he was the first.

Ordained:
Douglas Cooper Hartley, April 29, 1934.
James Boyce Henderson, May 29, 1921.
William Keel, November 2, 1917 (wore uniform of first World War).
Bradley T. Kimbrough, August 20, 1905.
Leonard Leavell, January 31, 1915.
Roland Q. Leavell, December 28, 1915.
Earl McElroy, June 6, 1926.
N. A. Moore, January 1909.
S. M. Stewart, May 7, 1882.
Murray Taylor, June 24, 1923.
Wilburn Smith, Aug. 8, 1920.
(Part of service on day of dedication of present building.)

Pastors of Oxford Baptist Church 1842-1944

1842—Elder Wm. H. Holcomb.
1844—Elder Joseph Lane.
1846—Elder N. A. Purifoy.
1849—Bro. James J. Sledge.
1853 to Dec. 1854—Bro. Dupry.
Feb. 1855 to Dec. 1856—Bro. James J. Sledge.
1857—Bro. N. M. Crawford.
1858—Bro. W. Cary Crane.
1860—Rev. A. O. Caperton.
1861—Elder W. Dupuy.
1864—Rev. R. G. Hewlett.
1866 to 1870—Rev. R. H. Whitehead.
1871—A. J. Quinch, moderator for business meetings.
1872 to Jan. 1, 1877—J. B. Gambrell.
Feb. 1877-1882—Rev. Z. T. Leavell.
1883 to 1888—J. Hartwell Edwards.
1890—G. W. Gardner.
1894—O. H. Halley.
1895—A. M. Croxton.
1899—N. W. P. Bacon.
1904—Edward Stubblefield.
1908—Rev. W. A. Borum.
1910—A. E. Reimer.
1913—James B. Leavell.
1917—W. J. Mahoney.
1919—Roland Q. Leavell.
1923—Frank Moody Purser

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Associate

Crystal Springs Training Union Rates Among the Best

The Crystal Springs Training Union with more than 200 enrolled and an enviable record in attendance is doing an outstanding work among the ten unit organizations. They have twenty-seven in the two Story Hours they have—Mrs. Mary Frizzle and Mrs. Ethel Henson leaders—forty-six in the two Junior Unions—Miss L'Na Francis and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thornton, leaders—forty-eight in the two Intermediate Unions, Mrs. M. A. Courtney and Mrs. J. A. Bryant, leaders—eighteen in the Intermediate Union—Martha Conn, leader—seventy in the three Adult Unions—Mrs. Bryant Howard, Mrs. Elbert Guynes and M. L. Pevey, presidents. It is interesting to note that one-third of the membership is in the adult department. This will explain the success of any union. If the adult membership put a premium on training they will inspire the younger people in the same direction. Rev. Joe T. Odle is the beloved pastor, Mr. Edwin A. Alderman the esteemed director, and Mrs. E. W. McGraw the efficient secretary. Congratulations to the two adult unions who reached their standard for the past quarter.

Hinds-Warren the First to Report on Jan. 24th Meeting

We have just received one report so far (January 25th) of the meetings held last night, Monday the 24th. This report is from Hinds-Warren, Mr. Clifton R. Tate, director. The meeting was held at Griffith Memorial church, Jackson. 350 registered for the meeting but the auditorium was filled and has a seating capacity of 400, so some evidently did not register. One who was present, not an associational officer, just a visitor, writes, "The program was excellent, the crowd enthusiastic, and I do not think anyone got tired, although it was over a two hour meeting. I don't know when I have enjoyed any meeting so much." We rejoice in this good report and hope to have a number just like it coming in from now on for several days. If you attended a GOOD meeting in your association and want to drop us a card about it, it will be welcome. Congratulations, Hinds-Warren.

A Call to Arms For Every Training Union Member

Having a part in a great denominational program is one of the privileges of every Training Union member. We have stressed "Training In Church Membership" as our aim since the beginning of B. Y. P. U. One thing in church membership is loyalty to the financial program. We rejoice in the fact that much of the progress made in the financial program of our denomination is to the credit of loyal members of the Training Union. We helped complete wiping out the debts of the southwide boards, and NOW we are going to have a large part in wiping out the remaining indebtedness on our State Board. We will do this through supporting the NOW CLUB NOW. We

will have a debt free State Board THIS year. JUNE is Christian Education Month and we have set June aside as the month when we will COMPLETELY pay out. We are asking every member of every union to make a liberal offering in June, and before if you will. We are asking every director to serve as chairman of the Training Union group in his church, and lead in leading every member to have a part. Keep this in mind, and be getting ready for a full announcement a little later.

Director F. G. Wilborn Moves to George County

Neshoba county is losing one of their very best workers as Rev. F. G. Wilborn accepts call to Rocky Creek, George county. Brother Wilborn has an outstanding record in Training Union work in Neshoba county, having served as associational director for the past several years. George county will profit by having this zealous worker among them. He will find a welcome by the pastors and churches, and we will be hearing from him along as the work there yields to his leadership.

Brookhaven and Pearlhaven Co- operate in Training School and Social

The week of January 9-14 found two good churches in Brookhaven busy in a simultaneous training school. First Brookhaven and Pearlhaven. The pastors of these two churches and the directors, along with other leaders had made thorough preparations, and even though the week was one of the worst we had this winter, as far as the weather goes, the attendance in each church was good and the spirit better. First church enlarged their adult department with plans to have three B. A. U's. Mrs. D. D. Cash was elected B. A. U. director. On Friday night the members of both churches came together at First church for a social. It was a department social, the juniors were to themselves as were each of the other departments. The closing 45 minutes brought all together for a "Singspiration" led by Mr. Troy Prince, assistant pastor of First church. Refreshments were served and by early bedtime everyone had gone home declaring that it had been not only a successful evening, but a successful week.

Magnolia Gives New Emphasis to Training Union

Under the leadership of Dr. B. Frank Smith, pastor, and Mrs. Juanita Page, director, the Magnolia church gave the week of January 16-20 to a program of special emphasis on Training Union. Five classes were taught, the manuals for each department were used, a program of visitation was begun and a special effort to enlarge the attendance at Training Union was made. The Juniors led in attendance each evening, growing each evening, with a record attendance on Friday night of 26. The Juniors, on Friday night had their social to themselves while the others had a combined social. On

25 Years Ago

Chaplain Roland Leavell has returned from France.

Pastor Norris Palmer reports that Sidon church goes to half time and puts on \$750 budget of which one-third goes to outside benevolences.

Prof. B. G. Lowrey made an excellent address at South McComb last Sunday night in the interest of Christian Education.

The article in a recent Record on "The pastor and Outside Work" was by Bro. R. L. Wallace and was published by request after being read before the State Ministers' Conference.

Wednesday night, Mrs. Varnado of Fernwood, associational director, visited the church bringing a splendid message on 2 Tim. 2:15. She also emphasized the associational meeting planned for the 24th. Several churches had pledged a 100% attendance of their Training Union at this meeting. Magnolia was planning to charter a bus for the trip, carrying as many as the bus would carry. With the emphasis of the week Magnolia Training Union should step to its rightful place in the association, being in the county site church.

MAKE READY NOW FOR MARCH
—MARCH IS STUDY COURSE
MONTH.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

(Correct answers on Page Fifteen.)

1. Today we have many quiz radio programs. A Bible character was the first quizzer. Can you name this quiz originator?

2. In Exodus 10:12-15 the eighth plague of locusts (grasshoppers) brought destruction to the Egyptians. Was this plague repeated in the United States?

3. Can you explain the reference to Archturus, Origen and Pleiades, in Job 9:9, and their meaning?

4. What is the difference between "the Pharisees and scribes" as mentioned in Luke 15:2?

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IS YOUR CHURCH ON THE GLORY ROLL?

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

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Three Conventions

Yes, we are having THREE Sunday school conventions this year.

The time is the week of April 24-29. The places are New Albany, Philadelphia and Brookhaven.

The three host churches will serve free bed and breakfast for all who want that service. The program will be the same for each place. There will be some change in personnel, but most of those on the program will be in all three conventions.

Attend the one nearest you. Save the date for that purpose. The time again: April 24-29, 1944.

February Emphasis

This year we are suggesting in this column in the first issue of each month a particular emphasis for your school for that month.

January was given to standard emphasis. February emphasis is Enlargement Through Visitation. Make this emphasis real and vital in your school by some definite planning in classes, departments and also through the general organization. It will put more people in your place of Bible teaching.

Enlargement Through Visitation for February. Pray, plan and visit.

Watch Next Week!!!

Next week we will publish the list of all January standards—class, department and school. It is indeed a great group. We are proud of you. Look out for it next week. That will give us time to get the full month of January, which we surely wanted to do.

The Inside Enlargement Campaign Is Getting Results

William P. Phillips

Someone has asked if the Inside Enlargement Campaign is getting results. We should say so! When a church really goes into it wholeheartedly and does something with it, it will pay big dividends. It is very much similar to a general Enlargement campaign in that a religious census of the community is taken and the Sunday school roll is checked against the church roll to discover possibilities for the Sunday school. But if we discover these and rest there, doing nothing about it, the campaign is a failure. The great number of possibilities discovered are a silent rebuke and mute evidence of needed effort. There must be something done about it. The first step in an Inside Enlargement Campaign is the checking of Sunday school roll against the church roll in order to discover the number and names of resident church members not enrolled in Sunday school. This having been done the pastor and Sunday school superintendent are face to face with some disturbing facts. Right here is the crisis of the campaign. To deliver the names of the unenrolled church members thus discovered to the present classes is likely a waste of time and effort. In most instances these classes may be already too large and under the circumstances they would likely do

nothing about it. Sunday by Sunday perhaps half or more of their present membership is absent. Why load them with further responsibility when they are already overloaded? Likely they have made little effort to reach these church members before the other campaign began and they would do little about it now. Doubtless these classes for some reason may be unattractive to them, anyway. Then what shall we do about this great number of resident church members not in our Sunday school? The answer is: start new classes. Redefine the age range of the present classes, narrowing it where necessary and start new classes defining age range for them, giving them prospects discovered from church roll. Readjust equipment, use screens or curtains, partition rooms too large, secure outside space, enlist new teachers. Sunday schools regularly need something new—new classes, new workers, new equipment, the coming of new faces. All of these inspire the present set-up and break the monotony of the "as usual" situation. Put to route "do nothing" with "do something."

The Inside Enlargement Campaign does not require outside help. Following the discovery of the possibilities on church roll and the submitting of survey to state and southwide Sunday school departments, suggestions are offered by them. The inauguration of these suggestions is the key to results. Maybe all of them cannot be inaugurated, but some of them can. It is this that brings results. The local leaders must implement these suggestions. One Sunday school as a result, reorganized its Young People's department and it has already reached the Standard. It started three new Adult classes and in ten Sundays the aggregate enrollment totaled forty-four. Another school reports reaching all but eleven of its unenrolled church members and in so doing reached a score or more of others than church members and doubled its church budget for the year. Another church went outside and rented a building for its Young People's department, making way for starting some new Adult classes. The inauguration of this campaign to bring church members under the influence of Bible study vitalizes the entire church program. The success of it, however, depends upon courageous leadership. Contrast two pastors: one wrote of glowing results achieved, while another in the same mail wrote that his church was unable to do anything thus far and offered to return the material sent them. It all depends upon who is leading anything or anywhere. If you want to put on the Inside Enlargement Campaign write for details.

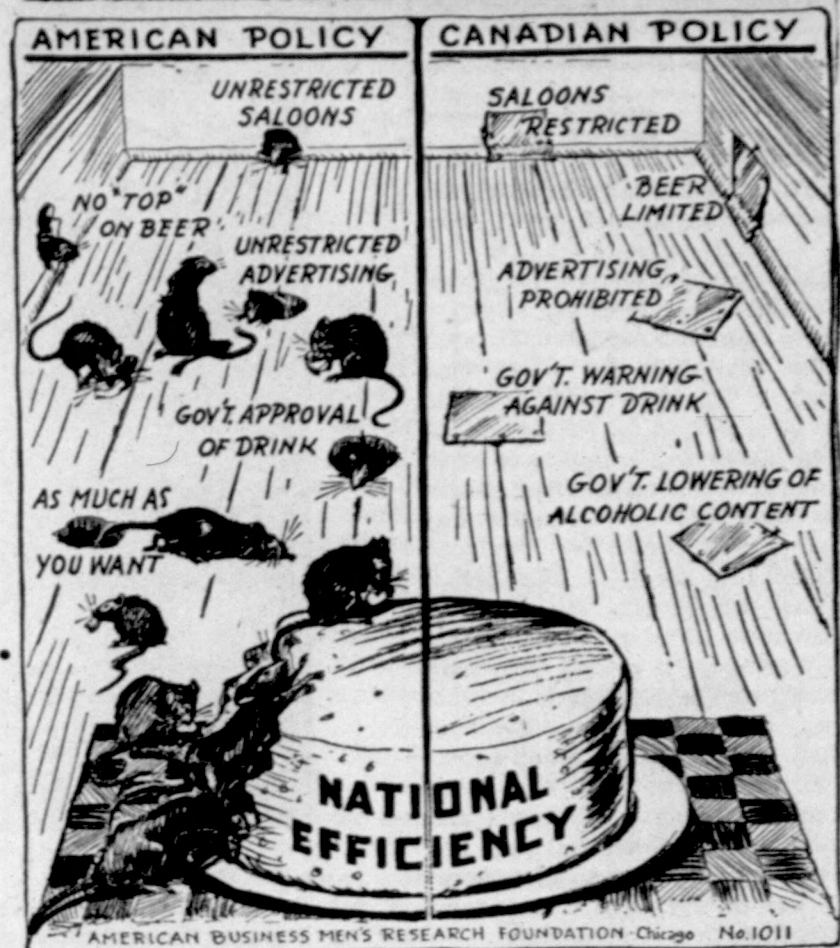
—BR—

N. R. Stone is in Florida taking part in a series of Bible conferences at Pensacola, Live Oak and other places. E. D. Solomon and Lewis Entzminger also appear on the Live Oak program.

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"IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE"



GNAWING AT NATIONAL EFFICIENCY

North of the border, according to The American Business Men's Research Foundation of Chicago, Americans recognize the liquor traffic to be a cause of absenteeism, accidents, social unrest, a waster of raw material, and a cause of crime. The Canadian government has boldly taken the stand that the less drinking Canada does, the better will be its war effort. This is not a moral or a religious move; it is simply a tremendously successful economic and war time treatment of the age old problem. The Canadian government through its leader, Premier King, advocates temperance, it limits saloons to eight hours a day; it for-

bids all liquor advertising by radio, movies, newspapers and magazines. Its governmental policy is to decrease during war time the use of intoxicating liquor.

South of the border, the government of the United States has issued no warning statement against the use of liquor. No word of justification neither a moral, a social or an economic can be found for it. And a horde of liquor. Saloons stay open from 16 to 20 hours a day; liquor advertising is unlimited; the strength of the drink is unlimited; restrictions on ordinary business are sometimes softened (for a while at least) for the brewer and the distiller, and this kindly attitude of Uncle Sam is rats are gnawing at our national efficiency.

ORPHANAGE BOARD MEETS

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Orphanage was held at the Orphanage on Thursday, January 20th. Members present were W. N. Taylor, J. M. Evans, Dr. Claud Bowen, Dr. W. A. Bell, R. M. Hederman, Jr., all of Jackson; Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Clinton; R. L. Goodwin, Forest; Forrest Cooper, Indianola; C. H. Dean, Canton; Everett S. Cole, Philadelphia; Dr. R. C. Smith, Drew; Mrs. I. C. Knox, Vicksburg, and W. G. Mize, superintendent. The service and ministry of the Orphanage for the past year was reviewed by the Board. The year 1943 was the best year in Orphanage history. For this, all members of the Board together with the management, is truly grateful to every Mississippi Baptist and to others who have contributed to the support of this work. In order for 1944 to keep up with the record of 1943 the Orphanage is soliciting the interest, good-will and support of its entire constituency. W. N. Taylor was elected president of the Board, J. M. Evans, secretary-treasurer. W.

"IF"

If life to you is empty,
And peace you cannot find.
If you are missing something,
It seems you've left behind.
If you long for satisfaction,
And a dread upon your mind.
If you're really seeking some one,
Then it's Christ that you should find.
If your nights are sleepless, brother,
And your sinful heart doth bleed,
If you'll take Christ as your Saviour,
He will supply your every need.

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G. Mize, superintendent. The following make up the executive committee for the year: W. N. Taylor, J. M. Evans, R. M. Hederman, Jr., R. L. Goodwin, C. H. Dean, Dr. P. I. Lipsey and W. G. Mize. Plans were made for the completion of the necessary buildings as set up in the building program plans just as soon as conditions will permit.—W. G. Mize, superintendent.

NOW CLUB

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A Debtless Denomination Before 1945

I

The Southern Baptist Convention and S. B. C. Southwide agencies and institutions are out of debt! Doxology!

The Mississippi Baptist debt picture is immeasurably better!

In 1939 upon coming into this position, the first word we heard from the auditor was something like this, "There is a deficit of \$12,500 in the Christian Education account; in addition, receipts for the first three months have been spent without any sign of any increase of receipts." We figured that meant a total deficit of \$27,000—\$29,000 in this account. The amounts involved were legitimately expended, of course. The audit further showed \$2,000 deficit in State Missions. An evangelistic conference had been planned without any provision for financing it. We asked brethren from Kentucky, Texas and Louisiana to come to us that year and gave them not one penny remuneration. It was hardly right. It was most embarrassing.

We sat across a luncheon table from a leading Baptist layman who remarked, "We could have bought plenty of our Baptist bonds at one time for 50c on the dollar." We winced again!

The 1940 Convention Annual listed total convention indebtedness (p. 87) at \$876,145.42.

We give you that plain and not pretty picture because, first, if we remember it, we may be saved from making similar mistakes following the impractical, i.e., visionary; second, we want to encourage you by contrasting with this 1939-40 picture the facts of 1944.

Through the goodness of God and the generosity of the brethren and sisters—

State Missions remain free from debt.

Mississippi College has no debt.

The Orphanage has no debt.

The Hospital pays its way.

Blue Mountain College owes less than others owe her.

Woman's College will be out of debt this year.

Clarke College is clear of debt.

The Convention Board owes no debt.

The Education Commission will come out of debt this year and—

After 1944 there will be debt no more!

With 1945, Mississippi Baptist work will be as active as a bee hive! Let's not get stung by gruelling debts again!

We submit to you the statement that Mississippi Baptist life is healthy and their affairs are in good shape. Let's make it all BETTER!

II

It is a great deal easier to plan to spend money than it is really to raise money. This is a statement for your study in your church, in your convention.

III

We now read of another denomination that has gone off on another "new" road under another "new" load.

Would it not be fine if, first, the



DR. FRANK'S RECEIVES SON'S DFC

Dr. J. D. Franks, Sr., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Columbus, received the Distinguished Flying Cross on behalf of his son's heroic efforts in the low-level aerial assault last summer on the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania. The son, Lt. J. D. Franks, Jr., a pilot with the Ninth Air Forces

was reported killed in action during the attack. The award was made by Col. L. C. Mallory, commanding officer at the Columbus (Miss.) Army Air Field during a formal retreat parade Thursday afternoon. Following the presentation, Dr. Franks reviewed the troops.

EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE — McCOMB

Below we are listing the Program for the Second Evangelistic Conference (three-day) being held in connection with the three-month Mid-Winter Soul Winning Revival with Hyman Appelmann preaching.

All pastors in and near McComb are urged to attend. Your name should be sent to Rev. Wyatt Hunter, First Baptist Church, for overnight entertainment. It is hoped that all pastors will be on hand promptly at 9:15 Monday morning, February 14th, for the opening session of the Conference. The revival will begin on Monday, and if possible plan to attend the opening service of this great Campaign for Christ.

The McComb program follows:

Three Day Evangelistic Conference McComb

February 14-16, 1944

Monday—Morning Session

- 9:15—Song and Prayer—Zeno Wells.
- 9:30—My Favorite Revival Sermon—C. M. Day.
- 10:00—Gospel Message—Hyman Appelmann.
- 11:15—Planning For Revival—B.

people of God would make large explorations and expeditions into some of the really profitable "old" things as soul winning, training, tithes and offerings, etc., before consuming time with "new" projects? God's ways are still best!

"THUS SAITH THE LORD, Stand ye in THE ways, and see, and ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, we will not walk therein."—Jeremiah 6:16.

Truly, it sounds quite modern and up-to-date, their reply!

Frank Smith.

Noon.

Afternoon Session

- 2:25—Song and Prayer—Zeno Wells.
- 2:30-4:30—Bible Study in Evangelism—J. O. Williams.

Evening Session

- 7:30—Song and Prayer Service.
- Gospel Message—Hyman Appelmann.

Tuesday—Morning Session

- 9:15—Song and Prayer—Zeno Wells.
- 9:30—My Favorite Revival Sermon—W. A. Sullivan.

- 10:00—Gospel Message—Hyman Appelmann.

- 11:15—Message and Methods During Revival—W. L. Holcomb.

Noon.

Afternoon Session

- 2:25—Song and Prayer—Zeno Wells.
- 2:30-4:30—Bible Study in Evangelism—J. O. Williams.

Evening Session

- 7:30—Song and Prayer Service.
- Message—R. G. LeTourneau (35 minutes).
- Gospel Message—Hyman Appelmann.

Wednesday—Morning Session

- 9:15—Song and Prayer—Zeno Wells.
- 9:30—My Favorite Revival Sermon—W. R. Cooper.

- 10:00—Gospel Message—Hyman Appelmann.

- 11:15—Conserving Results of Revival—I. E. Rouse.

Noon.

Afternoon Session

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Evening Service

- 7:30—Song and Prayer Service.
- Gospel Message—Hyman Appelmann.

Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley
Soldiers, Sailors Defense
Projects Service

LAUREL—Dr. L. G. Gates, pastor of the First Baptist Church, preached an excellent sermon in his church at the morning service on the opening day of the Evangelistic Campaign. During his sermon he stated, "This is a war against Christianity as well as a war against the United States. It is the purpose of Japan to banish Christianity from the face of the earth. Christianity denies the claim of racial superiority and the divinity of their emperor." Jones county and Laurel Baptists certainly had done a splendid job in preparing for these services. On one city block in Laurel there were twelve evangelistic posters in windows of business houses. A radio announcement during the 12:30 news-cast also called attention to the revival service at the Civic Center. There were a goodly number of service men and women in the churches and in the Civic Center to hear Appelmann preach his opening sermon on "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

AN EIGHTEEN DAY STORY—

These facts have been published as being true. A young man 19 years of age volunteered for active service with the Army Medical Corps. He was stationed at a hospital in California. In a few days the officer in charge asked for volunteers as stretcher-bearers to go to a battle-front. The young man asked to go with seven hundred others and in an hour was at an airport where a plane carried them to an airfield near Honolulu. The third day out from California found him in New Guinea, the fourth he was in the jungle paths packing wounded men. The fifth day he was wounded by a Jap sniper who he was credited with killing with a hand grenade. After being shot he took his sulfa tablets and lapsed into a coma. When he was awakened, he was having a bullet removed from his back by an army doctor. As soon as the operation was complete, he was transferred by a fast boat and plane back to the California hospital from which he had gone. Counting the days on a calendar the young soldier found he had been in the service only eighteen days.

Captain Solon L. Oole, former post chaplain at Keesler Field, writes to this department from "Somewhere in England." He stated he was badly in need of Testaments and religious tracts. Since this is our first request from overseas, we will write to publishers of these materials and try to lend a helping hand.

—BR—

Dr. B. B. Hilburn, now pastor at Second Avenue, Laurel, got off to a good start on Sunday, January 23. There were 12 additions.

We thank Rev. R. E. Woodfin for a club of six subscriptions from Mt. Vernon church in Tishomingo county.

—BR—

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson For February 6
JESUS FEEDS THE MULTITUDES
(International Lessons)
Mark 6:30-52; 8:1-10

Subject of this paper: JESUS MEETING HIS DISCIPLES' NEED. Mark 6:45-52.

Introduction: The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand is the only one of our Lord's miracles recorded by all four of the evangelists. The multitude fed on this occasion was no doubt Jewish in makeup. I love to think of the incident as a miracle-parable, that is, an acted parable, a parable taught by a miracle. I think it is the best of all possible texts on the subject of Christian Education. Mark says plainly that in meeting the needs of the multitudes here, Jesus recognized as paramount their need of instruction. "He came forth and saw a great multitude, and He had compassion on them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and He began to teach them many things." He had compassion on them, because they had no shepherd, no leader, no guide, no teacher. He did not feed them bread and fish at the first. He gave them instruction. The multitudes perish now, because they lack a knowledge of the truth. The Lord undertook here to meet that need first, setting it thereby in the place of first importance. Then He went about teaching His disciples how they were to meet this paramount need of the world, and He taught them by showing them an object lesson in the realm of the material. He fed the multitude on bread and fish, but His method was that after which His disciples for all time are to meet the greater need of the world for the truth. 1. Bring what you have of the truth and of the material means of spreading the truth to the Lord. 2. Ask the blessing of the Lord upon what you bring Him. 3. Purvey that which has received the blessing of the Lord to the needy multitude. 4. See that the multitude partakes of it, or, at least, has a chance to do so. 5. Make provision for conserving all that the Lord has blessed. See that nothing be wasted.

The miracle of the feeding of the four thousand has been neglected by the writers, so that the material upon it is comparatively sparse. This seems to have been a non-Jewish crowd, which may account for the fact that the disciples did not know what Jesus was about to do. Had it been a Jewish multitude again, they may quickly have remembered that He had fed the five thousand a matter of only a few months before, and that He was about to do a like thing here. But would the Messiah of the prophets perform a miracle on behalf of a mob of uncircumcised dogs? They had yet to learn the depth of the love of the Son of man. But the miracles have many points in common. So often and so abundantly have they been treated through the treatment of the first that I shall treat at length neither it nor the second, but ask your indulgence

while I strive to draw a lesson or two from the miracle of the walking on the water.

I. Our Lord Alone With God. Mark 6:45, 46. John 6:15.

When the hunger of the five thousand had been satisfied, they hit upon the idea of making Him a king; John says Jesus perceived that the multitude was about to undertake to take Him by force and make Him a king. He had acted in feeding them exactly as they wanted their coming king to act. He had relieved them of the necessity of providing for themselves, they would take Him along with them and proclaim Him as their king, then He would be under obligation to take care of them, feed them, lead them, make them the people of a great king. What did Jesus do in this situation?

He sent His disciples away lest they should become contaminated with with ungodly plan and join the enthusiasts in their effort.

He went away from the multitude to be with the Father. Why? Well, He was in the region of temptation again. He wanted to be recognized as king, but He did not want a kingdom after the sort the multitude looked for. I think He never has wanted that character of kingdom, does not want it now, will never want it. So He betook Himself to prayer. He found in communion with the Father a source of strength that made Him able to abide in His appointed course, a vantage point from which He could see how tawdry and poor were the worldly ideas of kingship.

II. The Disciples Under Divine Commandment. Mark 6:45-48.

Peter might have said, "Well, we did what He told us, and we headed straight into trouble." That would have been the truth. You suppose He knew that storm was coming up? I make no doubt He did. "What! Do you think He would send His loved ones where He knew they would meet trouble?" Makes no difference what you or I think. I know He has done that very thing many a time, and has done it for the good of His beloved. His beloved need discipline such as they can get from nothing else as from tribulation. His beloved need a faith more robust than any they can possibly achieve without they shall buffet the billows of the frowning storm.

Their task at first seemed simple and easy. To get into the boat and row it a distance of a half-dozen miles or less, and get out of it and go home and go to bed. But there meets them a storm, unlooked for, unexpected, unprovided for! You started out to do something that seemed easy at first, but found that it was so difficult as to be practically impossible of accomplishment for you? And you thought, "I guess I was mistaken! I thought the Lord wanted me to do this, but if He had, I know I could have done it. Here is a cloud over the path and a storm in the way. Let me turn back; the Lord has made a mistake." Ever reason that way? I have, and I think I need what I am writing you more than anyone else who may read this.

These disciples were worn out by this time, no doubt. The fourth watch of the night had come, and they had battled that storm for hours, until their strength was almost utterly gone. I hope they remem-

bered that they were in the will of Christ.

III. The Lord Comes in the Hour of Extreme Need. Mark 6:48, 49.

I know He loves to share our joys and to be with us when, our hearts in submission to Him, we are happy because the streams of our lives are running in ripples of laughter and liquid song. He is with us then. But we feel most keenly our need of Him when life is not going like a song, when we face the ordeal of saying good-bye to the dearest we have, when we stand amid the fragments of our wrecked hopes, frustrated aims, and most carefully laid plans.

He is at such times very near, though we, like the disciples on the storm-troubled lake, may not recognize Him. They thought He was a ghost and, to most of us, that means nothing. "No one here! Nothing here to aid in my hour of distress! I stand alone and shelterless, lonely and comfortless!" And just then He is very near, could our weary hearts but feel His presence, could our tear-dimmed eyes but see him.

IV. His Presence Is Peace. Mark 6:50-52.

"Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid." "Take courage: it is I myself: be not frightened" (Weeks). "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" questions Browning. And the Christian echo is, "If the dark descend, can the dear Lord Christ be far away?" Even if the tempest smites, the Master of the tempest is near to comfort and cheer. Though the earthquake's shock sends the uprooted mountain staggering into the sea, the Maker of the mountains and the Master of the earthquakes stands by to see that no power shall destroy the soul that on Jesus has learned for repose. "Be not afraid!"

"The wind ceased." That's the end of the story. In His presence, whelming whirlwinds sigh once and go to sleep.

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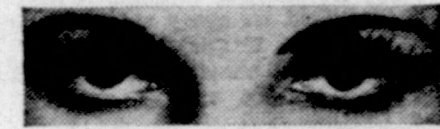
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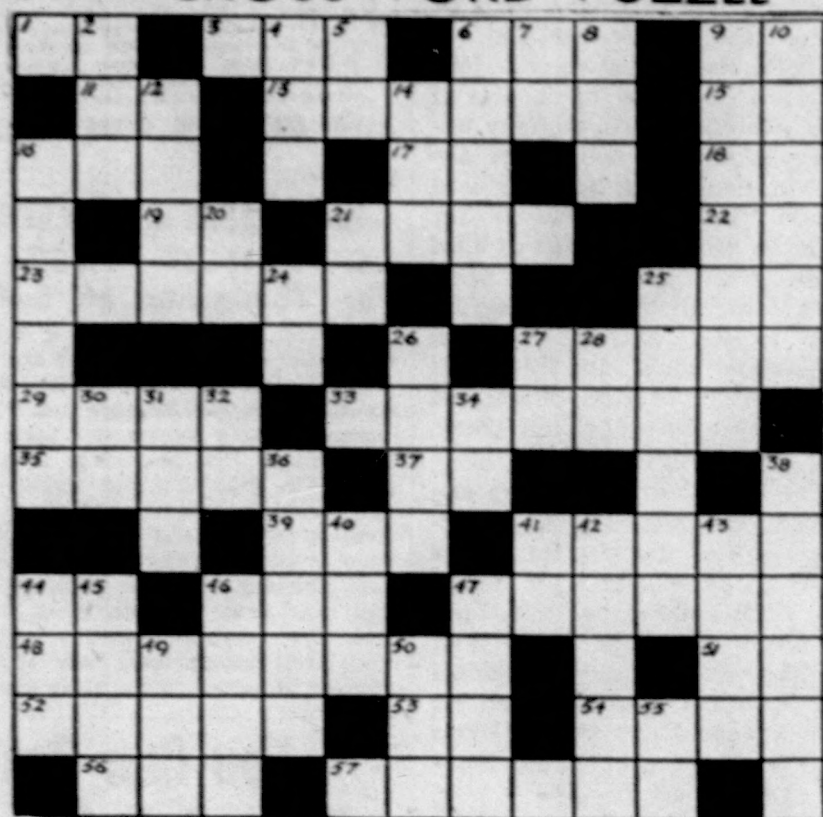
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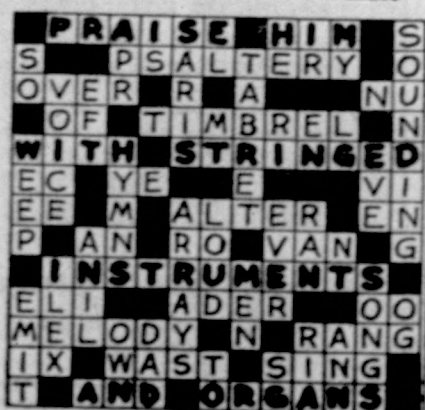
- 1 "sayeth among the trumpets . . ." Job 39:25.
- 3 "troubled on every side . . . not distressed," II Cor. 4:8.
- 6 "as a . . . chasteneth his son, so the Lord," Deut. 8:5.
- 9 Doctor.
- 11 Recording secretary.
- 13 " . . . I was afflicted I went astray," Ps. 119:69.
- 15 Eye (Scot.).
- 16 " . . . him trust in, the name of the Lord," Isa. 50:10.
- 17 Ruthenium.
- 18 Sinking fund (bonds).
- 19 "to him that . . . weary," Isa. 50:4.
- 21 "Man that is . . . of a woman is of few days," Job 14:1.
- 22 Chinese measure.
- 23 "Cast thy . . . upon the Lord," Ps. 55:22.
- 25 "dried up, and the . . . tree languisheth," Joel 1:12.
- 27 "will maintain the . . . of the afflicted," Ps. 140:12.
- 29 "be thou faithful . . . death," Rev. 2:10.
- 33 "in their . . . did turn unto the Lord," II Chron. 15:4.
- 35 "If we suffer, we shall also . . . with him," II Tim. 2:12.
- 37 "bear the punishment . . . their iniquity," Ezek. 14:10.
- 39 "underneath are the everlasting . . . s," Deut. 33:27.
- 41 Very fat.
- 44 "tried us, . . . silver is tried," Ps. 66:10.
- 46 "in . . . day when I am in trouble," Ps. 102:2.
- 47 "fire, that compass yourselves about with . . ." Isa. 50:11.
- 48 " . . . him with tears," Esther. 8:3.
- 51 Same as 15 across.
- 52 "day of the trumpet and . . . against the fenced cities," Zeph. 1:16.
- 53 Diphthong.
- 54 Grandson of Merari, I Chron. 23:23.
- 56 "they . . . away as an eagle," Prov.

- 23:5.
 - 57 "spirit of man that goeth . . ." Eccl. 3:21.
- Our text is 3, 6, 19, 21, 29, 33, 44, 46, 47, 56 and 57 combined.

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- 2 "we . . . chastened of the Lord" I Cor. 11:32.
- 4 Flow back.
- 5 Tellurium.
- 6 "Blessed are they that . . ." Matt. 5:4.
- 7 Capital of Moab, Num. 21:15.
- 8 "hid for me their . . . in a pit," Ps. 35:7.
- 9 " . . . not thou the chastening of the Almighty," Job 5:17.
- 10 "The eternal God is thy . . ." Deut. 33:27.
- 12 "grievous words . . . up anger," Prov. 15:1.
- 14 "earth shall reel to and . . ." Isa. 24:20.
- 16 "all ye that . . . and are heavy laden," Matt. 11:28.
- 20 Northern state.
- 21 Baron.
- 24 Ancestor of Jesus, Luke 3:28.
- 25 "so as no . . . on earth can white them," Mark 9:3.
- 26 "a refuge . . . the storm," Isa. 25:4.
- 27 Cubic.
- 28 Fifth month of Jewish calendar.
- 30 Compass point.
- 31 "and take away all thy . . ." Isa. 1:25.
- 32 King of Bashan, Num. 21:33.
- 34 "Fear none . . . those things which thou shalt suffer," Rev. 2:10.
- 36 One of the prophets.
- 38 "her . . . like the garden of the Lord," Isa. 51:3.
- 40 Regular.
- 41 Out of print.
- 42 "Jew fellows of the . . . sort," Acts 17:5.
- 43 Snowshoe (var.).
- 44 Cloth made from camels' hair.
- 45 The individual.
- 46 Adherent of the crown during the revolution.
- 47 Boil.
- 49 Salt.
- 50 "and her . . . was to light on a part

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle



COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONAL PLANS FOR 1945

The field workers of the Sunday school, Training Union, and student departments of the Baptist Sunday School Board and all of the State Mission Boards in their meeting in Nashville, January 4-7, 1944, appointed a committee to make some recommendations looking toward the program to be carried out during the Baptist Centennial Year 1945.

The following recommendations were made and unanimously adopted: First—Key Note—"Climaxing a Century for Christ."

Second—A Statewide Central Sunday School Associational Officers' meeting in every state.

—A Statewide Central Training Union Associational Officers' meeting in every state.

Third—A Southwide Sunday School Day to be observed on March 6, 1945, with a meeting in every association.

—A Southwide Training Union Day to be observed on April 24, 1945, with a meeting in every association.

—A Southwide Baptist Student Day to be observed on January 19, 1945, and that emphasis be given at the Southwide Retreat in June at Ridgecrest and at the seventeen state B. S. U. Conventions in the fall of 1945.

Fourth—That dates for statewide central meetings, suggested goals, and details for programs be completed and announced at Ridgecrest this summer.

Signed by the members of the Committee on Promotional Plans for 1945 this sixth day of January, 1944.

G. S. Hopkins, chairman; J. O. Williams, J. N. Barnette, J. P. Ed-

of the field," Ruth 2:3.
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SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES

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IV. Christ Can Save All Men.

(1) Salvation is in Christ, and in no other—it is by a man, not by a plan. "In none other is there salvation, for neither is there any other name under heaven that is given among men, wherein we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

"He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25.

(2) It was for this purpose that Christ came into the world. "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Matt. 18:11.

V. Salvation May Be Obtained By All Who Desire It.

"The Spirit and the Bride say, Come, and let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.

VI. What One Must Do to Obtain Salvation

(1) Believe on the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour, Lord and Master. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Acts 16:31.

(2) Repent and turn from every sin. Paul said, "I have taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21.

"Except ye repent, ye shall all in like manner perish." Luke 13:3.

VII. Salvation Must Be Received as a Gift From God.

It cannot be inherited, merited, earned or purchased. The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 3:23.

VIII. In Salvation Men Are Saved From Sin.

They are not saved from oppression, financial ruin, disappointments, temptations, sickness nor physical death. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins." Matt. 1:21.

IX. Salvation Is For Time and Eternity.

(1) Salvation is a past experience of every Christian. "For by grace ye have been saved through faith." Eph. 2:8.

(2) Salvation is a present possession of every Christian. "The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." I Cor. 1:18.

(3) Salvation is to be a future consummation for every Christian. The fullness of salvation with all its completeness cannot be realized in this life. Christians are saved "to an inheritance incorruptable, and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith until salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." I Peter 1:4, 5.

Through repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ men are saved FROM the guilt and power of sin, FOR good works, UNTO an inheritance reserved in heaven for them.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND AMERICAN BAPTISTS

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soul to deal directly with God and the right and need for such dealing. To deny to any soul the full exercise of this sacred right is to violate his dignity and worth as a human being. Every form of restraint or coercion of man in his converse with God is a sin against personality and a hindrance to human welfare.

Voluntariness in personal and corporate worship, institution and service is essential to vital religion and to the spiritual development of society. No man, no government, no institution, religious or civil, social or economic has the right to dictate whether or how a person or a group may worship God. No civil authority may rightly make a law, decree or regulation, respecting an establishment of religion or affecting its free exercise nor may rightly prefer or favor one form of religion above another.

Among the freedoms to be secured for humanity, freedom in religion is most basic and constructive.

Free churches in free states, each helpfully, freely encouraging the other is the ideal, but with no administrative or financial dependence of one upon the other.

In the history of religion, only in the United States has this relation, essential to this full freedom, been attained and given constitutional recognition. Upon the representatives of the United States to the Peace Conference will devolve the responsibility for setting forth and supporting this fundamental right which has been made an American principle.

In consistency with the leading part Baptists had in securing this course in our country; in consistency with our contention and practice; and in view of the impending international negotiations, Baptists are under urgent, imperative obligation to do all possible to have included in the terms of the new world order the establishment and maintenance of absolute religious liberty for every man of every faith and of no faith.

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Calvary church Sunday School, Carroll county, has begun a church library. We hope to encourage more Bible reading in our community. We have challenged every adult to read twenty-three chapters each week which will enable one to read the entire Bible in a year. J. G. Bennett is our Sunday School Superintendent and J. M. Corley is pastor.—Mrs. J. G. Bennett, Reporter.

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His neighbors thought his farm on fire and rushed to help him. Then, from that safe hill they saw the swirl of waters over fields just forsaken—and knew their salvation and its cost.

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HEBREW LEXICONS NEEDED

I am writing you in behalf of the Junior Hebrew class at B.B.I. We find that we are unable to get any Hebrew Lexicons for our use this year, as the publishers are out of stock and are too rushed to print any more soon.

I thought perhaps you might know of some Mississippi pastors who have old copies they might like to sell, rent, or lend us until the end of April. If you don't know of any, we would greatly appreciate it if you would print an appeal to those who could help us. Those who are able to supply us with these books can contact Dr. J. Watts, 1220 Washington Ave., New Orleans 13, La., as soon as possible, for we shall need them very soon.—Curtis Askew.

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We are thankful to Mrs. William H. Walters of Bethlehem church, Jones county, who recently sent a club of 20 subscriptions.

Answers To
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(Feature on page 10.)

1. (Quiz originator): To quiz means to "question closely" as, "And when the Queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon . . . she came to prove him with hard questions." (I Kings 10:1.)

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2. (Plague in U. S.): Three grasshopper plagues occurred in the United States in 1856, 1874 and 1877. The last named (1877), a three-year plague covering the region between the Mississippi river and the Rocky Mountains.

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3. (Arcturus, etc.): "Arcturus," a large and bright star, meaning keeper of the bear, always following "Ursa Major" or the "great bear." Orion and Pleiades were also stars.

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4. (Pharisees and scribes): The Pharisees, which name literally "separatists" or "separated ones" implies, separated themselves from those who were the less obedient to the Mosaic law, and were recognized as the most influential group. The scribes were really the law-makers, or lawyers, and were recognized as members of the most outstanding profession of their time.

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CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

By T. W. Ayers
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(Conclusion)

(Note: With this article I conclude the series on China and Her People, and I wish to thank Dr. O. P. Gilbert for asking me to furnish for The Index the information which I have attempted to give about China and the people with whom I lived for twenty-five years and learned to love. I have found pleasure in giving the brief and imperfect history of a great country and a brave and noble people who are just now fighting and suffering with us for our freedom. I also wish to thank the hundreds in and out of Georgia who have expressed their appreciation of the series.—T. W. Ayers.)

Robert Morrison

Robert Morrison, the first Protestant missionary to China, was born in 1702 as a British subject. His parents were poor, his father being a farm laborer, and in order to secure an education it was necessary for him to work during the day and study at night. During the daytime he made boot-lasts



and boot-trees, and in this way he prepared himself to enter the divinity school at Hoxton.

After he had his call to carry the Gospel to China he had a long wait in London trying to get passage on a boat to China, and while waiting he met a Chinese teacher who had come from Canton, China, just the place where he planned to go, and with this teacher he began the study of the Chinese language. While thus studying a most remarkable incident occurred. One day while he and his teachers were searching the British Museum in London for information about China, they found a manuscript containing a translation of the New Testament as far as the first chapter of Hebrews in Chinese. He took a copy of this manuscript with him to China, and until this day it is not known who made the translation, or who deposited it in the British Museum.

During the time of Morrison's waiting, there were no boats sailing from London to China except those owned by the British East India Company, which was then carrying large quantities of opium to be introduced in China, and they wanted no missionary there for fear he would interfere with this trade. So in order to get to China, Morrison had to come to America, and in New York he secured passage on a small merchant boat. He sailed from New York in April, 1807, under American protection, and on September 7, 1807, his boat cast anchor in the harbor of Canton; thus requiring five months to cross the Pacific, while today we cross it in less than a month.

When Robert Morrison landed in

China he was in a land where he did not know a soul, and how lonely he must have been! He was also among a people who did not want him, and even his fellow Englishmen there were all connected with the East India Company, and they did not welcome him. Fortunately he had a letter of introduction to the American consul, in whom he found a friend. He secured lodging for him in a broken down old warehouse. It was there he ate, slept and worked.

Of course, Morrison's first task was to learn the Chinese language, but when he sought a teacher he found the Chinese government had threatened to put to death any Chinese who taught a foreigner. Fortunately, he found two Chinese who were willing to take the risk of teaching him secretly. With the aid of these teachers, while he studied the language, he also made translations which were not only secretly circulated in Canton, but which went deep into the heart of China, where no white man had ever been.

Morrison waited nine long years before he won his first convert; and when he died in June, 1834, after twenty-seven years of hard work, there were only twenty Christians in all China; but he started a work which has grown and grown until today a great host of Christians in China are carrying on while the missionaries have been forced to leave.

Dr. Peter Parker

Dr. Peter Parker, a young Yale graduate, was the first regularly appointed medical missionary to China. He was sent to China in 1834 by the American Board of Missions, and after five months at sea landed in Canton, soon after the death of Robert Morrison.

Peter Parker on reaching China found over there one-fourth of all the people in the world without a physician who had ever seen a medical college; without a hospital or dispensary; without a medical college; without a trained nurse; without surgical instruments, other than needles; without an anaesthetic of any description; without any knowledge of scientific or research work; without any knowledge of quarantine or prevention of disease.

This young physician also found a people who believed that the rest of the world had nothing worth having that they did not possess. But when he began to use a small surgical instrument and make blind eyes see, they were made to know that there was something valuable that they did not have. It has been truly said that Peter Parker opened China to the rest of the world at the point of a lancet, for it was largely through his influence that international relationships were established between China and the rest of the world.

Peter Parker built the first hospital in China in the city of Canton, and the work which he started has grown until today there are hospitals in every important center, and medical teaching is being done in up-to-date medical colleges.

The first Southern Baptist Mission Hospital built in the world was built in China in 1902, with money given by the First Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia, and the writer of this article had the joy of drawing the plans and superintending its erection, and of being its superintendent up

CHAPLAIN WEBB WRITES EDITOR

In an interesting letter to the editor from "somewhere in Italy," Charlie Webb mentions among other things some thoughts taken from a meditation on the third chapter of Colossians. He spoke of the fact that he has been seeking to encourage men to memorize passages upon which they may meditate when under conditions where it is impossible to have time for reading the Bible, but need the steadying power of God. Below we share part of the letter with our readers:

Briefly I found the following ideas in the passage. Remember that the verses are written to Christians and calls them to seek higher things. Therefore in verse 8 we are told what things to put off. But not only does Paul mention the negative side, but in verse 12 he tells us what we should put on. In verse 15 we are told what we have on the inside, i.e., the peace of God. Then in verse 17 Paul tells us that everything we do must be for His glory. Finally, according to verse 23 we are told how we are to do it, heartily.

From experience and observation it is so easy to forget to serve the Savior while self is being served. The time is ripe for Christians everywhere to forget self in the service of Christ. . . . When we measure up to the standards of this chapter, then whatsoever we do or eat or drink, according to Paul, will be to the glory of God.

Please express to my friends my thankfulness for their many remembrances. I covet your prayers and the prayers of Christians everywhere as I go to this new assignment. I will be dealing with suffering men. I do so want to preach the unsearchable riches of the gospel to them.

Yours in His service,
CHARLIE A. WEBB,
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North Carolina churches, in their recent convention, refused to indorse any affiliation with the Council of Churches which is a church Union Movement.

South Main Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, has increased its budget for the Cooperative Program from \$8,800 to \$12,000. E. H. Westmoreland is pastor. Mississippians will recall his successful pastorate at Leland.

Rev. and Mrs. G. D. Lindenmyer, Memphis, were in Jackson last week en route to Meridian to attend the funeral of E. H. Eastburn, a member of the First Baptist church, Meridian and a brother of Mrs. Lindenmyer.

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to the time he retired.

Southern Baptists

The first Southern Baptist missionaries to go to China were the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Shuck, who went in 1836, just two years after the death of Robert Morrison. Mrs. Shuck was the first American woman to go to China, and she was the first person in the world to open a girls' school in Canton.



BOB WILSON

BOB WILSON ORDAINED

Ordination services for Rev. Bob G. Wilson, student of Louisiana College, were held at the Mars Hill Baptist church of Summit, Mississippi, Sunday, January 2. Serving on the council were S. G. Pope of the Mars Hill church; Wyatt Hunter, First Baptist Church, McComb; Ray P. Rust and Pershing E. Petre, student pastors of Louisiana College. Brother Petre brought the ordination sermon after the presentation of the candidate and the charge to him by S. G. Pope, and the ordination prayer was offered by Ray P. Rust. Rev. Joe Tatum of Forest, Miss., a student of Louisiana College, rendered special music.

Bob Wilson graduated from the Mars Hill high school, and Southwest Mississippi Junior College at Summit, Miss. He also has had work at the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans, Louisiana and is now entering his senior year at Louisiana College. He served the Hodge Baptist church, Hodge, Louisiana, and the Parkview church of Alexandria, Louisiana, last year as supply pastor, and is now serving the Forrest Hill church, of Forrest Hill, Louisiana.

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NORTHWEST PASTORS TO MEET
FEBRUARY 15

After recessing for several months on account of the tire and gasoline restrictions, the Northwest Mississippi Pastors' Conference will meet at the Sardis Baptist church with Rev. J. B. Middleton as pastor-host Tuesday, February 15, and the program committee has arranged the following program:

9:45 a. m., Devotions, Rev. A. T. Cinnamon, Senatobia; 10, reports from the fields by pastors; 10:45, address, "A Wartime Church Program," Rev. J. B. Middleton, Sardis; 11:15, address, "A Wartime Preaching Program," Rev. H. J. Rushing, Collierville, Tenn.; 11:45, miscellaneous.

12, Luncheon and fellowship; 1:15, song and prayer; 1:30, Bible study, "Philemon," Dr. H. L. Martin, Senatobia; 2:05, Bible study, "Jude," Dr. J. W. Lee, Batesville; 2:40, discussion, "What about our meetings?"; 2:50, miscellaneous business, prayer and adjournment.

The conference is usually attended by pastors from Panola, Tate, DeSoto, Marshall, Lafayette, Yalobusha, Tallahatchie, Quitman and Grenada counties, as well as Shelby county, Tenn., and brethren from these counties, as well as any others who may be able to attend, are cordially invited to be present and take part in the meeting.